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(54) A data shifting circuit of a central processing unit.

(57) A data shifting circuit comprises a barrel shifter (11) for shifting by a plurality of bits data having a width twice that of a certain data width, and a data controller for supplying the same data having the certain data width commonly to the most significant bits and the least significant bits of the barrel shifter means (11).

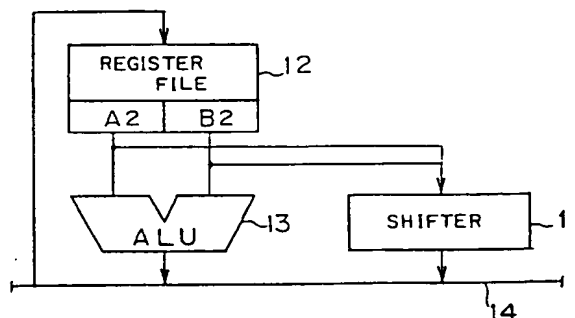


Fig. 2

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Background of the Invention

Field of the Invention

This invention pertains to a data shifting circuit of a central processing unit e.g. for use in a computer.

Description of the Related Arts

A central processing unit (hereafter abbreviated as a CPU) has a data shifting circuit comprising a shifter and a register file.

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a conventional data shifting circuit in a CPU comprising a shifter 1, a register file 2, an ALU (Arithmetic and Logical Unit) 3 and an internal bus 4.

In an exemplary case with such a configuration, a register in the register file 2 is selected, and its content is outputted to a port B1. The shifter 1 shifts the received content by a predetermined shift width for an output back to the register file 2 through the internal bus 4, which is written into a predetermined register. This concludes a cycle of a shifting operation. Here, a port A1 of the register file 2 is for use in an operation by the ALU 3.

The number of bits handled by a shifter is generally equal to the number of bits handled by the corresponding CPU. For instance, when a CPU processes sixteen [16] bits of data at a time, the shifter also processes sixteen [16] bits at a time. However, for such a purpose as to ease the software processing, a shifter sometimes requires the double shifting width.

What is important in enabling an original shift width to be doubled is that it is necessary to leave the original shifter function "as is", so as to maintain the compatibility with the original shift width. When a shifter originally rotate-shifting sixteen [16] bits is made capable of rotate-shifting thirty-two [32] bits by doubling the shift width, for instance, if it sacrifices its function of rotate-shifting sixteen [16] bits, the shifter loses its original function.

To overcome this problem, a prior art method has called for a provision of two shifters, one for the original shift width and the other for the double shift width.

However, the use of two shifters necessitates a larger hardware volume, which hinders practical application, especially when a CPU handles a word having a large number of bits.

Summary of the Invention

This invention pertains to a data shifting circuit of a central processing unit e.g. for use in a computer.

It aims at realizing a data shifting circuit of a

central processing unit capable of shifting data both by an original shift width and by a double shift width, with neither a significantly larger hardware volume nor an increase in data delay.

It configures a data shifting circuit of a central processing unit comprising a shifter, a register group and a data controller.

The shifter shifts data by the bit number of a double shift width twice as wide as an original shift width.

The register group comprises a plurality of registers each storing data to be shifted.

The data controller inserted between the register group and the shifter receives a register number specification signal designating a register and selectively receives a double width shift request signal requesting data be shifted by the double shift width. When the data shifting circuit needs to shift data by the double shift width, the data controller inputs data stored in the specified register and data stored in another register associated with the specified register in a predetermined relation respectively to the most significant bits and the least significant bits of the shifter.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Those skilled in the art can easily understand additional features and objects of this invention from the description of the preferred embodiments and the illustration of the attached drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a block diagram of a conventional data shifting circuit in a CPU;

Figure 2 is a block diagram of a first embodiment of this invention;

Figure 3 shows the configuration of a barrel shifter;

Figure 4 is a block diagram of a second embodiment of this invention;

Figure 5 is a block diagram of a third embodiment of this invention;

Figure 6 is a block diagram of a fourth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 7 is the first in an eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating a fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 8 is the second in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 9 is the third in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 10 is the fourth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 11 is the fifth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth

embodiment of this invention;

Figure 12 is the sixth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 13 is the seventh in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 14 is the eighth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 15 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a double shift width pursuant to the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 16 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a single shift width pursuant to the fifth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 17 is the first in a four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating a sixth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 18 is the second in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 19 is the third in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 20 is the fourth in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 21 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a single shift width pursuant to the sixth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 22 is the first in a two [2] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating a seventh embodiment of this invention;

Figure 23 is the second in the two [2] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the seventh embodiment of this invention;

Figure 24 is a block diagram of an eighth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 25 shows the structure of an instruction;

Figure 26 is a block diagram of a ninth embodiment of this invention;

Figure 27 is a block diagram of a register specifying circuit;

Figure 28 illustrates an extraction of a plurality of variables defined in a single word; and

Figure 29 illustrates a logical operation for a bit in a word.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Figure 2 is a block diagram of a first embodiment of this invention.

The first embodiment shown in Figures 2 and 3 assumes that one [1] word comprises eight [8] bits.

On receiving a request to shift data by a double shift width, a controller not shown instructs the contents of the two [2] registers specified by a shift request to be outputted to ports A2 and B2 in a register file 12.

A shifter 11 having the double shift width of two [2] registers receives the contents of those two [2] registers, and outputs in two [2] sections a result obtained by rotate-shifting data by the double shift width through an internal bus 14 to the two [2] specified registers in the register file 12 for storage.

On the other hand, on receiving a request to shift data by a single shift width, which is all original shift width of one [1] register, the controller not shown instructs the same contents of the one [1] register specified by a shift request to be outputted twice to ports A2 and B2 in the register file 12. As a result, the same data are outputted from the ports A2 and B2 to the shifter 11 to be rotate-shifted by a single shift width.

Because the shifter 11 receives the same two [2] data, the shifter 11 outputs the same rotate-shifted data. When the ports A2 and B2 each supply eight [8] bit data comprising D7, D6, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1 and D0, for example, the shifter 11 receives sixteen [16] bit data comprising D7, D6, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, D7, D6, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1 and D0. If the shifter 11 rotate-shifts the received data by two [2] bits, for example, the shifter 11 outputs D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, D7, D6, D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, D7 and D6. Although the sixteen [16] bit data are of the double shift width, i.e. the width of two [2] words, the shifter 11 can shift data by the single shift width, i.e. the width of one [1] word, through all output of the same two [2] sets of data each of eight [8] bits comprising D5, D4, D3, D2, D1, D0, D7 and D6 split from the rotate-shifted result into two [2] halves. The shifter outputs them through the internal bus 14 to a specified register in the register file 12.

Those operations selectively performed by a CPU enable the data to be shifted both by the double shift width and by the single shift width.

The CPU comprises an ALU 13 whose two [2] input ports are respectively connected to the ports A2 and B2 of the register file 12. On receiving an arithmetic or logical operation request, the ports A2 and B2 output data to be operated. The ALU 13 performs an objected operation on the two [2] received sets of data. Then, the ALU 13 stores data obtained as the operation result in a target register through the internal bus 14.

Figure 3 shows the configuration of a barrel shifter.

The shifter 11 operates mutatis mutandis like a conventional barrel shifter. When e.g. each register shifts data comprising eight [8] bits, 16/1 selectors

SELO through SEL15 (each with sixteen [16] inputs and one [1] output) configure a sixteen [16] bit barrel shifter having the double shift width. Each of the 16/1 selectors SEL0 through SEL15 has sixteen [16] AND gates AND0 through AND15 and one [1] OR gate OR. Each of the sixteen [16] AND gates AND0 through AND15 receives a signal specifying the shift width at one input terminal and the corresponding one of sixteen [16] bit data Din0 through Din15. The OR gate OR obtains the disjunction of the respective outputs from the sixteen [16] AND gates AND0 through AND15. The sixteen [16] 16/1 selectors SEL0 through SEL15 respectively output shift data Dout0 through Dout15.

The above procedure enables data to be shifted by the double shift width, in addition to by the single shift width as in a conventional CPU.

This invention causes a shifter to rotate-shift the total data combined from data in the most significant bits and different data in the least significant bits, when data are rotate-shifted by a double shift width twice that of the original shift width. It also causes a shifter to rotate-shift the data combined from data in the most significant bits and identical data in the least significant bits, when data are rotate-shifted by a single shift width equal to the original shift width. Thus, it realizes a data shifting circuit in a CPU capable of allowing data to be shifted both by the double shift width and the single shift width without incurring a significantly larger hardware volume or any increase in data delay.

Figure 4 is a block diagram of a second embodiment of this invention.

The second embodiment shown in Figure 4 assumes that one [1] word comprises two [2] bits.

A conventional four [4] bit left barrel shifter 20 shifts data sequentially to the left by the shift width designated by a shift width specification signal and the data overflowing from the left hand side are returned sequentially to the right, thereby rotate-shifting the stored data.

A register group 21 comprises four [4] registers R₀, R₁, R₂ and R₃, each storing two [2] bits.

A data controller 22 receives a register number specification signal and a double shift width shift request signal, which govern the selection of the output from one of the four [4] registers R₀, R₁, R₂ and R₃ and its input into the two [2] most significant bits or the two [2] least significant bits of the barrel shifter 20.

On receipt of the double shift width shift request signal, the data controller 22 selects the register having the register number specified by the register number specification signal and the register having the register number incremented by one[1]. For instance, when the register number specification signal designates register R₀, the data

controller 22 selects both register R₀ and register R₁ having the register number incremented by one [1]. Then, the data controller 22 stores the two [2] bit data stored in register R₀ in the two [2] most significant bits of the barrel shifter 20 and the two [2] bit data stored in register R₁ in the two [2] least significant bits of the same. Thus, the data controller 22 enables the barrel shifter 20 to obtain four [4] bit rotate-shifted data.

On the other hand, when the data controller 22 does not receive the double shift width shift request signal and causes the barrel shifter 20 to rotate-shift the data by the single shift width, i.e. the original data width of two [2] bits, both the two [2] most significant bits of the barrel shifter 20 and the two [2] least significant bits of the same store the identical two [2] bit data in the register having the register number specified by the register number specification signal. Thus, two [2] bit data are rotate-shifted just by simply taking either the two [2] most significant bits or the two [2] least significant bits.

As described above, this invention causes the same data content of one [1] register to be stored twice in the most significant bits and the least significant bits of a barrel shifter for a single shift width rotate-shifting and the different data contents of two [2] registers to be stored respectively in the most significant bits and the least significant bits of a barrel shifter, thereby enabling a conventional double shift width barrel shifter to rotate-shift the data both by the double shift width and by the single shift width without incurring a significantly larger hardware volume or any increase in data delay.

Figure 5 is a block diagram of a third embodiment of this invention.

The third embodiment shown in Figure 5 assumes that one [1] word comprises two [2] bits.

The parts shown in Figure 5 which are the same as those shown in Figure 4 have the same numbers. Thus, their re-explanations are omitted.

Also in the third embodiment, the conventional four [4] bit left barrel shifter 20 is used for rotate-shifting data both by the single shift width (i.e. by two [2] bits), i.e. the original data shift width, and by the double shift width (i.e. by four [4] bits).

In Figure 5, 31 is a first decoder, and 32 is a second decoder. The first decoder 31 receives the two [2] bit register number specification signal for selectively specifying one [1] of the four [4] registers R₀, R₁, R₂ and R₃. On receiving the two [2] bit register number specification signal, the first decoder 31 decodes the register number specification signal, and sets a high level to the output level of the corresponding output terminal of its output terminals D₀, D₁, D₂ and D₃. For instance, on receiving a signal designating register R₀, the first de-

coder 31 sets the high level to the output level of output terminal D_0 and low levels to the output levels of its output terminals D_1 , D_2 and D_3 .

The second decoder 32 receives the most significant bit of the register number specification signal, as well as a disjunctive output from all OR gate 33, which receives the least significant bit of the register number specification signal and the double width shift request signal.

When no request is made to shift data by the double shift width, OR gate 33 receives a double width shift request signal at a low level, and outputs the least significant bit of the register number specification signal "as is". Because the second decoder 32 also receives "as is" the most significant bit of the register number specification signal, the second decoder 32 sets a high level to the output level of the output terminal, which is connected to the same one of the registers R_0 , R_1 , R_2 and R_3 connected to the output terminal to whose output level the first decoder 31 sets the high level. For instance, on receiving a register number specification signal designating register R_0 , the second decoder 32 sets a high level to its output terminal D_0 .

When a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, OR gate 33 receives a double width shift request signal at a high level, and sets a high level to the least significant bit of the register number specification signal. The second decoder 32 outputs a signal designating the register having the register number equal to incremented by one [1] the register number of the register designated by the register number specification signal. When the register number specification signal designates register R_0 , the second decoder 32 increments the register number of register R_0 by one [1], and sets a high level to its output terminal D_1 , such that register R_1 is selected.

The third embodiment of this invention implicitly assumes that one of the registers having even numbers is designated to shift data by the double shift width. Hence, the least significant bit of the register number specification signal is at a low level for shifting data by the double shift width, and the first decoder 31 selects such one of the registers having even numbers. Because the second decoder 32 receives a signal converted by OR gate 33, such that the least significant bit of the register number specification signal is at a high level, the second decoder 32 selects the register having the register number incremented by one [1], as a result.

Each of the output terminals D_0 , D_1 , D_2 and D_3 of the first decoder 31 is connected to one of the input terminals of the corresponding one of AND gates 34_0 , 34_1 , 34_2 and 34_3 in a first gate circuit module 34. And each of the output terminals D_0 ,

D_1 , D_2 and D_3 of the second decoder 32 is connected to one of the input terminals of the corresponding one of AND gates 35_0 , 35_1 , 35_2 and 35_3 in a second gate circuit module 35.

Each of the AND gates 34_0 , 34_1 , 34_2 and 34_3 , as well as 35_0 , 35_1 , 35_2 and 35_3 , receives at the other one of its input terminals the two [2] bit data from the corresponding one of registers R_0 , R_1 , R_2 and R_3 . That is, the same two [2] bit data stored in register R_0 are supplied to AND gates 34_0 and 35_0 , the same two [2] bit data stored in register R_1 are supplied to AND gates 34_1 and 35_1 , the same two [2] bit data stored in register R_2 are supplied to AND gates 34_2 and 35_2 , and the same two [2] bit data stored in register R_3 are supplied to AND gates 34_3 and 35_3 .

The barrel shifter 20 receives at its two [2] most significant bits a disjunctive output from OR gate 34_4 supplied with conjunctive outputs from AND gates 34_0 , 34_1 , 34_2 and 34_3 . And the barrel shifter 20 receives at its two [2] least significant bits a disjunctive output from OR gate 35_4 supplied with conjunctive outputs from AND gates 35_0 , 35_1 , 35_2 and 35_3 .

The operations for rotate-shifting data by the double shift width, which is four [4] bits, i.e. the twice as wide as the original data width of two [2] bits, with such a configuration as above are explained first. In this case, OR gate 33 receives at one of its input terminals the double width shift request signal at the high level.

Assuming the register number specification signal designates register R_0 , for example, not only the first decoder 31 at one input terminal but also OR gate 33 at the other input terminal receives the register number specification signal.

The first decoder 31 decodes the register number specification signal, and sets the high level to the output level of its output terminal D_0 . The second decoder 32 receives a signal designating the register having the register number equal to incremented by one [1] the register number designated by the register number specification signal. The second decoder 32 sets the high level to the output level of its output terminal D_1 , so as to designate register R_1 .

As such, the first gate circuit module 34 allows only AND gate 34_0 to open its output gate, thereby letting the two [2] bit data stored in register R_0 pass through OR gate 34_4 to the two [2] most significant bits of the barrel shifter 20. Meanwhile, the second gate circuit module 35 allows only AND gate 35_1 to open its output gate, thereby letting the two [2] bit data stored in register R_1 pass through OR gate 35_4 to the barrel shifter 20 in its two [2] least significant bits.

Accordingly, the barrel shifter 20 inputs the different two [2] bit data stored in registers R_0 and

R₁ respectively to its two [2] most significant bits and its two [2] least significant bits.

Then, the barrel shifter 20 rotate-shifts data according to the shift width specification signal it receives.

The operations for rotate-shifting data by the single shift width, i.e. the original data width of two [2] bits, with such a configuration as above are explained second. In this case, OR gate 33 does not receive the double width shift request signal.

Assuming the register number specification signal designates register R₀, for example, not only the first decoder 31 but also the second decoder 32 decodes the register number specification signal they receive, and set high levels to the output levels of their respective output terminals D₀, so as to designate register R₀.

As such, the first gate circuit module 34 allows only AND gate 34₀ to open its output gate, thereby letting the two [2] bit data stored in register R₀ pass through OR gate 34₄ to the two [2] most significant bits of the barrel shifter 20. Meanwhile, the second gate circuit module 35 allows only AND gate 35₀ to open its output gate, thereby letting the same two [2] bit data stored in register R₀ pass through OR gate 35₄ to the barrel shifter 20 in its two [2] least significant bits.

Accordingly, the barrel shifter 20 inputs the same two [2] bit data stored in register R₀ respectively to its two [2] most significant bits and its two [2] least significant bits. When the two [2] bit data stored in register R₀ are "zero [0] and one [1]", for example, the barrel shifter 20 inputs "zero [0] and one [1]" both to its two [2] most significant bits and its two [2] least significant bits, thereby producing four [4] bit data "zero [0], one [1], zero [0] and one [1]".

By rotate-shifting the four [4] bit data by one [1] bit to the left, the barrel shifter 20 obtains four [4] bit data "one [1], zero [0], one [1] and one [1]". By further rotate-shifting these four [4] bit data by one [1] more bit to the left, the barrel shifter 20 obtains four [4] bit data "zero [0], one [1], zero [0] and one [1]".

The above explanations for the operations of the barrel shifter 20 can be summarized as follows:

On rotate-shifting data by the double shift width, i.e. by twice as wide as the original data width, which is four [4] bits, the barrel shifter 20 inputs to its two [2] most significant bits the data stored in a designated register and to its two [2] least significant bits the data stored in the register having the register number equal to incremented by one [1] the register number of the designated register.

On rotate-shifting data by the single shift width, i.e. by the original data width of two [2] bits, the barrel shifter 20 twice inputs to its two [2] most

significant bits and to its two [2] least significant bits the same data stored in a designated register.

Figure 6 is a block diagram of a fourth embodiment of this invention.

The fourth embodiment shown in Figure 6 assumes that one [1] word comprises two [2] bits.

A four [4] bit left barrel shifter 10 can selectively perform a two [2] bit left barrel shift or a four [4] bit left barrel shift through the operations of a selector 19. The four [4] bit left barrel shift is explained in a simplistic form, as an example.

By shifting four [4] bit data comprising D₃, D₂, D₁ and D₀ by one [1] bit to the left, the barrel shifter 10 obtains four [4] bit data comprising D₂, D₁, D₀ and D₃. By further shifting the four [4] bit data comprising D₂, D₁, D₀ and D₃ by one [1] more bit to the left, the barrel shifter 10 obtains four [4] bit output data comprising D₁, D₀, D₃ and D₂. That is, the barrel shifter 10 shifts the bit data sequentially to the left and circularly reenters at the right end the data overflowing from the left margin.

Similar to the barrel shifter configuration shown in Figure 3, the barrel shifter 10 comprises four [4] gate circuit modules, each comprising four [4] AND gates and one [1] OR gate. More specifically, OR gate 15 receives conjunctive outputs from AND gates 11₀, 11₁, 11₂ and 11₃; OR gate 16 receives conjunctive outputs from AND gates 12₀, 12₁, 12₂ and 12₃; OR gate 17 receives conjunctive outputs from AND gates 13₀, 13₁, 13₂ and 13₃; and OR gate 18 receives conjunctive outputs from AND gates 14₀, 14₁, 14₂ and 14₃.

The four [4] AND gates, i.e. AND gates 11₀, 11₁, 11₂ and 11₃, AND gates 12₀, 12₁, 12₂ and 12₃, AND gates 13₀, 13₁, 13₂ and 13₃, or AND gates 14₀, 14₁, 14₂ and 14₃, in each of the four [4] gate circuit modules receive a shift width specification signal designating the shift width. More specifically, AND gates 11₃, 12₃, 13₃ and 14₃ each receive, at one of their input terminals, a shift width specification signal designating a shift width of zero [0] bit through line L₀; AND gates 11₂, 12₂, 13₂ and 14₂ each receive, at one of their input terminals, a shift width specification signal designating a shift width of bit [1] bit through line L₁; AND gates 11₁, 12₁, 13₁ and 14₁ each receive, at one of their input terminals, a shift width specification signal designating a shift width of two [2] bits through line L₂; and AND gates 11₀, 12₀, 13₀ and 14₀ each receive, at one of their input terminals, a shift width specification signal designating a shift width of three [3] bits through line L₃.

Then, AND gates 11₃, 12₃, 13₃ and 14₃ each receive, at the other one of their input terminals, a one [1] bit input datum Din₃; AND gates 11₂, 12₂, 13₂ and 14₂ each receive, at the other one of their input terminals, a one [1] bit input datum Din₂; AND gates 11₁, 13₃ and 14₀ each receive, at the

other one of their input terminals, a one [1] bit input datum Din1; AND gates 11₀, 12₁, 13₂ and 14₃ each receive, at the other one of their input terminals, a one [1] bit input datum Din0; and AND gate 12₂ receives at the other one of its input terminals, an input datum selected by the selector 19 from OR gate 19₃.

The selector 19 comprises two [2] AND gates 19₁ and 19₂, an OR gate 19₃, and an inverter 19₄. AND gate 19₁ receives at one of its input terminals one [1] bit input datum Din1. AND gate 19₁ also receives at the other one of its input terminals a double width shift request signal. AND gate 19₂ receives through the inverter 19₄ at one of its input terminals the inverted double width shift request signal.

The double width shift request signal is at a high level when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width. In this case, because the double width request signal is at the high level, AND gate 19₂ in the selector 19 is shut.

When the shift width specification signal designates the shift width of zero [0] bit (i.e. no shift at all), its supply through line L₀ only is at a high level, causing the barrel shifter 10 to open AND gates 11₃, 12₃, 13₃ and 14₃, thereby allowing four [4] bit input data Din3, Din2, Din1 and Din0 to pass respectively through OR gates 15, 16, 17 and 18. Accordingly, the barrel shifter 10 outputs the four [4] bit input data Din3, Din2, Din1 and Din0 sequentially from the left.

When the shift width specification signal designates the shift width of one [1] bit (i.e. one [1] bit shift to the left), its supply through line L₁ only is at a high level, causing the barrel shifter 10 to open AND gates 11₂, 12₂, 13₂ and 14₂, thereby allowing four [4] bit input data Din2, Din1, Din0 and Din3 to pass respectively through OR gates 15, 16, 17 and 18. Accordingly, the barrel shifter 10 outputs the four [4] bit input data Din2, Din1, Din0 and Din3 sequentially from the left. At this time, AND gate 12₂ outputs through OR gate 16 one [1] bit input datum Din1 it receives through AND gate 19₁ and OR gate 19₃ in the selector 19. In this manner, the barrel shifter 10 rotate-shifts data sequentially to the left and further to the right end for those data overflowing from the left end, in accordance with the shift width.

While the above explanation relates to the operations for shifting data by four [4] bits (i.e. by the double shift width), the below explanation relates to the operations for shifting data by two [2] bits (i.e. by the single shift width, which is the original data width). In this case, because input data are also of two [2] bits, the explanation is made by replacing Din2 and Din3 respectively with Din0' and Din1'.

When the barrel shifter 10 shifts data by two [2] bits, the double width shift request signal is at a

low level, causing the selector 19 to close AND gate 19₁ but to open AND gate 19₄.

When the shift width specification signal designates the shift width of zero [0] bit (i.e. no shift at all), its supply through line L₀ only is at a high level, causing the barrel shifter 10 to open its AND gates 11₃, 12₃, 13₃ and 14₃, thereby allowing four [4] bit input data Din1', Din0', Din1 and Din0 to pass respectively through OR gates 15, 16, 17 and 18. Accordingly, the barrel shifter 10 outputs the four [4] bit input data Din1', Din0', Din1 and Din0 sequentially from the left. At this time, the outputs from OR gates 17 and 18 are not meaningful.

When the shift width specification signal designates the shift width of one [1] bit (i.e. one [1] bit shift to the left), its supply through line L₁ only is at a high level, causing the barrel shifter 10 to open AND gates 11₂, 12₂, 13₂ and 14₂, thereby allowing four [4] bit input data Din0', Din1', Din0 and Din1' to pass respectively through OR gates 15, 16, 17 and 18. Accordingly, the barrel shifter 10 outputs the four [4] bit input data Din0', Din1', Din0 and Din1' sequentially from the left. Also at this time, the outputs from OR gates 17 and 18 are not meaningful.

Thus, the two [2] most significant bits of the output from the barrel shifter 10 (i.e. outputs from OR gates 15 and 16) reveal that the barrel shifter 10 performs a two [2] bit barrel shift between "Din1' and Din0'" and "Din0' and Din1'".

Thus, operations of the selector 19 enable the barrel shifter 10 to shift data both by the double shift width and by the single shift width.

The first, second and third embodiments of this invention cause the barrel shifter having the double shift width to operate at all times and to receive the same data on shifting data by the single shift width. However, an embodiment of this invention is by no means limited to such a configuration. Instead, in the fourth embodiment the barrel shifter has a selector for selectively outputting a datum to the targeted bit position when data are shifted by the single shift width.

Figures 7 through 16 relate to the configuration of a fifth embodiment of this invention, in which the four [4] least significant bits are outputted as shift data when the data are shifted by the single shift width.

The fifth embodiment shown in Figures 7 through 16 assumes that one [1] word comprises four [4] bits.

Shift width specification signals S0, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7 respectively specify the shift widths of zero [0] bit, one [1] bit, two [2] bits, three [3] bits, four [4] bits, five [5] bits, six [6] bits and seven [7] bits for enabling sequentially staggered input data Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 and Di7 to be selectively outputted as output data Do7,

Do6, Do5, Do4, Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0.

Figures 7 through 10 show the circuits for outputting the four [4] most significant bits of output data Do7, Do6, Do5 and Do4, which are used only in shifting input data by a double shift width (i.e. by eight [8] bits) and are not used in shifting input data by a single shift width (i.e. by four [4] bits).

Figure 7 is the first in an eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND170, AND171, AND172, AND173, AND174 AND175, AND176 and AND177 respectively receive at one of their input terminals the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals the input data Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 and Di7, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR107, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do7.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND170, AND171, AND172, AND173, AND174, AND175, AND176 and AND177, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 and Di7 to pass through to the OR gate OR107. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND170, AND171, AND172, AND173, AND174, AND175, AND176 and AND177 is open, while all the others are shut, the OR gate OR107 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 and Di7 to be emitted as the output datum Do7 to the first most significant bit.

Figure 8 is the second in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND160, AND161, AND162, AND163, AND164 AND165, AND166 and AND167 respectively receive at one of their input terminals the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals the input data Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5 and Di6, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR106, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do6.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND160, AND161, AND162, AND163, AND164, AND165, AND166 and AND167, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5 and Di6 to pass through to the OR gate OR106. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND160, AND161, AND162, AND163, AND164, AND165, AND166 and AND167 is open, while all

the others are shut, the OR gate OR106 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5 and Di6 to be emitted as the output datum Do6 as the second most significant bit.

Figure 9 is the third in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND150, AND151, AND152, AND153, AND154 AND155, AND156 and AND157 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals the input data Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4 and Di5, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR105, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do5.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND150, AND151, AND152, AND153, AND154, AND155, AND156 and AND157, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4 and Di5 to pass through to the OR gate OR105. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND150, AND151, AND152, AND153, AND154, AND155, AND156 and AND157 is open, while all the others are shut, the OR gate OR105 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4 and Di5 to be emitted as the output datum Do5 as the third most significant bit.

Figure 10 is the fourth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND140, AND141, AND142, AND143, AND144 AND145, AND146 and AND147 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals the input data Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3 and Di4, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR104, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do4.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND140, AND141, AND142, AND143, AND144, AND145, AND146 and AND147, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3 and Di4 to pass through to the OR gate OR104. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND140, AND141, AND142, AND143, AND144, AND145, AND146 and AND147 is open, while all the others are shut, the OR gate OR104 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2, Di3 and Di4 to be emitted as the

output datum Do4 as the fourth most significant bit.

Figures 11 through 14 show the circuits for outputting the four [4] least significant bits of output data Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0.

Figure 11 is the fifth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND130, AND131, AND132, AND133, AND134 AND135, AND136 and AND137 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals the input data Di4, Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2 and Di3 and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR103, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do3.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND130, AND131, AND132, AND133, AND134, AND135, AND136 and AND137, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di4, Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2 and Di3 to pass through to the OR gate OR103. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND130, AND131, AND132, AND133, AND134, AND135, AND136 and AND137 is open, while all the others are shut, the OR gate OR103 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di4, Di5, Di6, Di7, Di0, Di1, Di2 and Di3 to be emitted as the output datum Do3 as the fifth most significant bit.

The configuration shown in Figure 11, in which a double width shift request signal is not connected is very similar to those shown in Figures 7 through 10.

Figure 12 is the sixth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND120, AND121, AND122, AND123, AND124 AND125, AND126 and AND127 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals four [4] input data Di3, Di4, Di5 and Di6, one [1] output from a selector SEL21, and three [3] input data Di0, Di1 and Di2, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR102, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do2.

The selector SEL21 comprises two [2] AND gates SA1 and SA11, an OR gate SO1 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SA11. OR gate SO1 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA1 and SA11 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND124 as an output from the selector SEL21. AND gate SA1 receives an input datum Di7 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at

the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SA11 receives an input datum Di3 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL21 outputs input datum Di7 from OR gate SO1, because the double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA1 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA1 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL21 outputs input datum Di3 from OR gate SO1, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA1 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA1 to open.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND120, AND121, AND122, AND123, AND124, AND125, AND126 and AND127, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6, Di7 or Di3, Di0, Di1, and Di2 to pass through to OR gate OR102. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND120, AND121, AND122, AND123, AND124, AND125, AND126 and AND127 is open, while all the others are shut, OR gate OR102 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6, Di7 or Di3, Di0, Di1 and Di2 to be emitted as the output datum Do2 as the sixth most significant bit.

That is, when the shift width specification signal S3 specifies the shift width of three [3] bits, the output datum Do2 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width than if they are shifted by the single shift width. Thus, the selector SEL21 selects either input datum Di3 or input datum Di7 according to the double width shift request signal.

Figure 13 is the seventh in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND110, AND111, AND112, AND113, AND114 AND115, AND116 and AND117 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals four [4] input data Di2, Di3, Di4 and Di5, two [2] outputs from selectors SEL22 and SEL23, and two [2] input data Di0 and Di1, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR101, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do1.

Selector SEL22 comprises two [2] AND gates

SA2 and SAI2, an OR gate SO2 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SAI2. OR gate SO2 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA2 and SAI2 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND114 as an output from selector SEL22. AND gate SA2 receives an input datum Di6 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SAI2 receives an input datum Di2 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, selector SEL22 outputs input datum Di6 from OR gate SO2, because the double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA2 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SAI2 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL22 outputs input datum Di3 from OR gate SO2, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA2 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SAI2 to open.

Selector SEL23 comprises two [2] AND gates SA3 and SAI3, an OR gate SO3 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SAI3. OR gate SO3 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA3 and SAI3 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND115 as an output from selector SEL23. AND gate SA3 receives an input datum Di7 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SAI3 receives an input datum Di3 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, selector SEL23 outputs input datum Di7 from OR gate SO3, because the double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA3 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SAI3 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL23 outputs input datum Di3 from OR gate SO3, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA3 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SAI3 to open.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding

one [1] of the AND gates AND110, AND111, AND112, AND113, AND114, AND115, AND116 and AND117, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 or Di2, Di7 or Di3, Di0, and Di1 to pass through to OR gate OR101. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND110, AND111, AND112, AND113, AND114, AND115, AND116 and AND117 is open, while all the others are shut, OR gate OR101 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5, Di6 or Di2, Di7 or Di3, Di0 and Di1 to be emitted as the output datum Do1 as the seventh most significant bit.

That is, when the shift width specification signal S3 specifies the shift width of three [3] bits, the output datum Do1 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width than if they are shifted by the single shift width. Thus, selector SEL22 selects either input datum Di6 or input datum Di2 according to the double width shift request signal.

Similarly, when the shift width specification signal S2 specifies the shift width of two [2] bits, the output datum Do1 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width than if they are shifted by the single shift width. Thus, selector SEL23 selects either input datum Di7 or input datum Di3 according to the double width shift request signal.

Figure 14 is the eighth in the eight [8] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the fifth embodiment of this invention.

AND gates AND100, AND101, AND102, AND103, AND104 AND105, AND106 and AND107 respectively receive at one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 and at the other one of their input terminals four [4] input data Di1, Di2, Di3 and Di4, three [3] outputs from selectors SEL24, SEL25 and SEL26, and one [1] input datum Di0, and supply their conjunctive outputs to an OR gate OR100, which in turn emits a one [1] bit disjunctive output datum Do0.

Selector SEL24 comprises two [2] AND gates SA4 and SAI4, an OR gate SO4 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SAI4. OR gate SO4 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA4 and SAI4 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND104 as an output from selector SEL24. AND gate SA4 receives an input datum Di5 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SAI4 receives an input datum Di1 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by

the double shift width, selector SEL24 outputs input datum Di5 from OR gate SO4, because the double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA4 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SAI4 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL24 outputs input datum Di1 from OR gate SO4, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA4 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SAI4 to open.

Selector SEL25 comprises two [2] AND gates SA5 and SAI5, an OR gate SO5 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SAI5. OR gate SO5 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA5 and SAI5 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND105 as an output from selector SEL25. AND gate SA5 receives an input datum Di6 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SAI5 receives an input datum Di2 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, selector SEL25 outputs input datum Di6 from OR gate SO5, because the double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA5 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SAI5 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL25 outputs input datum Di2 from OR gate SO5, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA5 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SAI5 to open.

Selector SEL26 comprises two [2] AND gates SA6 and SAI6, an OR gate SO6 and an inverter attached to an input terminal of AND gate SAI6. OR gate SO6 receives the conjunctive outputs from AND gates SA6 and SAI6 and supplies a disjunctive output to AND gate AND106 as an output from selector SEL26. AND gate SA6 receives an input datum Di7 at one of its input terminals and a double width shift request signal at the other one of its input terminals. AND gate SAI6 receives an input datum Di3 at one of its input terminals and the inverted double width shift request signal through the attached inverter at the other one of its input terminals.

Thus, when a request is made to shift data by the double shift width, selector SEL26 outputs input datum Di7 from OR gate SO6, because the double

width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SA6 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SAI6 to open.

Also, when a request is not made to shift data by the double shift width, the selector SEL26 outputs input datum Di3 from OR gate SO6, because the double width shift request signal at a low level disallows AND gate SA6 to open, while the inverted double width shift request signal at a high level allows AND gate SAI6 to open.

Because only one [1] of the shift width specification signals S7, S6, S5, S4, S3, S2, S1 and S0 is at a high level, it turns on only the corresponding one [1] of the AND gates AND100, AND101, AND102, AND103, AND104, AND105, AND106 and AND107, thereby allowing only the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5 or Di1, Di6 or Di2, Di7 or Di3, and Di0 to pass through to OR gate OR100. Since only one [1] of the AND gates AND100, AND101, AND102, AND103, AND104, AND105, AND106 and AND107 is open, while all the others are shut, OR gate OR100 allows the corresponding one [1] of the input data Di1, Di2, Di3, Di4, Di5 or Di1, Di6 or Di2, Di7 or Di3, and Di0 to be emitted as the output datum Do0 as the eighth most significant bit.

That is, when the shift width specification signal S3 specifies the shift width of three [3] bits, the output datum Do0 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width if they are shifted than by the single shift width. Thus, selector SEL24 selects either input datum Di5 or input datum Di1 according to the double width shift request signal.

Similarly, when the shift width specification signal S2 specifies the shift width of two [2] bits, the output datum Do0 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width than if they are shifted by the single shift width. Thus, selector SEL25 selects either input datum Di6 or input datum Di2 according to the double width shift request signal.

Similarly, when the shift width specification signal S1 specifies the shift width of one [1] bit, the output datum Do0 is different if the input data are shifted by the double shift width than if they are shifted by the single shift width. Thus, selector SEL26 selects either input datum Di7 or input datum Di3 according to the double width shift request signal.

The above explanations for the operations of the fifth embodiment of this invention shown in Figures 7 through 14 are summarized as follows:

Output data Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0 shown respectively in Figures 11, 12, 13 and 14 operates as outputs of shifting input data both by the single shift width and by the double shift width. Hence, a barrel shifter pursuant to the fifth embodiment of

this invention must selectively output only the input data Di0, Di1, Di2 and Di3, such that a four [4] bit input is shifted by the single shift width. Thus, the selectors SEL21 through SEL26 are provided for selecting the four [4] least significant bits.

Figure 15 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a double shift width pursuant to the fifth embodiment of this invention.

When a barrel shifter having such circuits as those illustrated in Figures 7 through 14 rotate-shifts input data Di7, Di6, Di5, Di4, Di3, Di2, Di1 and Di0 by two [2] bits to the left in a double width shift, output data Di5, Di4, Di3, Di2, Di1, Di0, Di7 and Di6 are stored as an eight [8] bit output, comprising Do7, Do6, Do5, Do4, Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0.

Figure 16 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a single shift width pursuant to the fifth embodiment of this invention.

When a barrel shifter having such circuits as those illustrated in Figures 7 through 14 rotate-shifts input data Di7, Di6, Di5, Di4, Di3, Di2, Di1 and Di0 by two [2] bits to the left in a single width shift, output data Di5, Di4, Di3, Di2, Di1, Di0, Di3 and Di2 are stored as an eight [8] bit output, comprising Do7, Do6, Do5, Do4, Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0. At this time, output data Do7, Do6, Do5 and Do4 in the four [4] most significant bits are not meaningful, and only output data Do3, Do2, Do1 and Do0 in the four [4] least significant bits are meaningful.

Although the fifth embodiment of this invention shown in Figures 7 through 16 configures only the four [4] least significant bits to be used as meaningful output data, an embodiment of this invention is by no means restricted to this arrangement. But instead, it is also possible to use the four [4] most significant bits, as meaningful output data of a barrel shifter.

The configurations of a sixth embodiment shown in Figures 17 through 21 are for outputting the four [4] most significant bits of data, which are the same as the four [4] least significant bits of data, when input data are shifted by the single width.

The sixth embodiment shown in Figures 17 through 21 assumes that one [1] word comprises four [4] bits.

Because the circuits relating to the four [4] least significant bits are configured similarly to those for the same shown in Figures 11 through 14 in the description of the fifth embodiment, Figures 17 through 20 only show the circuit configurations relating to the four [4] most significant bits.

Figures 17 through 20 correspond to Figures 7 through 10, and the same parts have the same numbers. In Figures 17 through 20, a selector is

provided for each AND gate receiving any of shift width specification signals S0, S1, S2 and S3 at one input terminal and any of input data Di7, Di6, Di5 and Di4 at the other input terminal. Such a selector is provided at the other input terminal for enabling selections to be made between input data Di7 and Di3, between input data Di6 and Di2, between input data Di5 and Di1, or between input data Di4 and Di0.

Because each of selectors SEL31 through SEL40 shown in Figures 17 through 20 has essentially the same configuration as that of any one of the selectors SEL21 through SEL26 shown in Figures 12, 13 and 14, their operations are not explained again.

Accordingly, the configurations shown in Figures 17 through 20 are described below only by highlighting the differences from those shown in Figures 7 through 10.

Figure 17 is the first in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating a sixth embodiment of this invention.

The configuration of the sixth embodiment shown in Figure 17 corresponds to that of the fifth embodiment shown in Figure 7, with four [4] selectors SEL31, SEL32, SEL33 and SEL34 newly added. Parts shown in Figure 17 which are the same as those shown in Figure 7 have the same numbers.

AND gates AND174, AND175, AND176 and AND177 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from the selectors SEL31, SEL32, SEL33 and SEL34 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S3, S2, S1 and S0, thus selectively receiving either input data Di4, Di5, Di6 and Di7 or input data Di0, Di1, Di2 and Di3.

Figure 18 is the second in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention.

The configuration of the sixth embodiment shown in Figure 18 corresponds to that of the fifth embodiment shown in Figure 8, with three [3] selectors SEL35, SEL36 and SEL37 newly added. Parts shown in Figure 18 which are the same as those shown in Figure 8 have the same numbers.

AND gates AND165, AND166 and AND167 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from the selectors SEL35, SEL36 and SEL37 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S2, S1 and S0, thus selectively receiving either input data Di4, Di5 and Di6 or input data Di0, Di1 and Di2.

Figure 19 is the third in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention.

The configuration of the sixth embodiment shown in Figure 19 corresponds to that of the fifth

embodiment shown in Figure 9, with two [2] selectors SEL 38 and SEL39 newly added. Parts shown in Figure 19 which are the same as those shown in Figure 9 have the same numbers.

AND gates AND156 and AND157 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from the selectors SEL38 and SEL39 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S1 and S0, thus selectively receiving either input data Di4 and Di5 or input data Di0 and Di1.

Figure 20 is the fourth in the four [4] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the sixth embodiment of this invention.

The configuration of the sixth embodiment shown in Figure 20 corresponds to that of the fifth embodiment shown in Figure 10, with one [1] selector SEL40 newly added. Parts shown in Figure 20 which are the same as those shown in Figure 10 have the same numbers.

AND gate AND147 receives at one of its input terminals an output from the selector SEL40 and at other one of its input terminals a shift width specification signal S0, thus selectively receiving either an input datum Di4 or an input datum Di0.

Figure 21 illustrates output data obtained by shifting exemplary input data by a single shift width pursuant to the sixth embodiment of this invention.

More specifically, it shows an example of shifting input data by two [2] bits to the left to produce output data whose four [4] most significant bits are the same as whose four [4] least significant bits.

Figure 22 is the first in a two [2] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating a seventh embodiment of this invention.

Figure 23 is the second in the two [2] part series of detailed circuit diagrams illustrating the seventh embodiment of this invention.

The seventh embodiment shown in Figures 22 and 23 assumes that one [1] word comprises eight [8] bits.

Although the fifth and sixth embodiments of this invention assume the double shift width being eight [8] bits, (i.e. one [1] word comprising four [4] bits,) the number of bits in a word does not have to be limited to this number. The seventh embodiment of this invention assumes the double shift width being sixteen [16] bits, (i.e. one [1] word comprising eight [8] bits).

As with the configuration shown in Figure 3, a barrel shifter for shifting input data by the double shift width comprises the sixteen [16] 16/1 selectors SEL0 through SEL15 (each receiving sixteen [16] inputs and emitting one [1] output) provided in bit units.

Accordingly, the configurations shown in Figures 22 and 23 are described below only by highlighting the differences from that shown in Figure 3. Parts shown in Figures 22 and 23 which are the

same as those shown in Figure 3 have the same numbers.

The barrel shifter further comprises an additional twenty-eight [28] selectors SEL51 through SEL78 in correspondence with the eight [8] most significant bits, for selecting the eight [8] least significant bits when input data are shifted by the single shift width, thereby allowing input data to be shifted both by the double shift width and the single shift width.

Output data Dout8 through Dout15 are the same as output data Dout0 through Dout7 when input data are shifted by the single width.

Therefore, a selector is provided for each AND gate receiving any of shift width specification signals S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7 at one input terminal and any of input data Din15, Din14, Din13, Din12, Din11, Din10 and Din9 at the other input terminal. Such a selector is provided at the other input terminal for enabling selections to be made between input data Din15 and Din7, between input data Din14 and Din6, between input data Din13 and Din5, between input data Din12 and Din4, between input data Din11 and Din3, between input data Din10 and Din2, or between input data Din9 and Din1.

AND gates AND1, AND2, AND3, AND4, AND5, AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL8 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from seven [7] selectors SEL51, SEL52, SEL53, SEL54, SEL55, SEL56 and SEL57 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15, Din14, Din13, Din12, Din11, Din10 and Din9 or input data Din7, Din6, Din5, Din4, Din3, Din2 and Din1.

AND gates AND2, AND3, AND4, AND5, AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL9 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from six [6] selectors SEL58, SEL59, SEL60, SEL61, SEL62 and SEL63 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S2, S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15, Din14, Din13, Din12, Din11, and Din10 or input data Din7, Din6, Din5, Din4, Din3 and Din2.

AND gates AND3, AND4, AND5, AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL10 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from five [5] selectors SEL64, SEL65, SEL66, SEL67 and SEL68 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S3, S4, S5, S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15, Din14, Din13, Din12 and Din11 or input data Din7, Din6, Din5, Din4 and Din3.

AND gates AND4, AND5, AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL11 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from four [4] selectors

SEL69, SEL70, SEL71 and SEL72 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S4, S5, S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15, Din14, Din13 and Din12 or input data Din7, Din6, Din5 and Din4.

AND gates AND5, AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL12 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from three [3] selectors SEL73, SEL74 and SEL75 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S5, S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15, Din14, and Din13 or input data Din7, Din6 and Din5.

AND gates AND6 and AND7 of selector SEL13 respectively receive at one of their input terminals outputs from two [2] selectors SEL76 and SEL77 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signals S6 and S7, thus selectively receiving either input data Din15 and Din14 or input data Din7 and Din6.

Finally, AND gate AND7 of selector SEL14 receives at one of its input terminals output from one [1] selector SEL78 and at the other one of their input terminals shift width specification signal S7, thus selectively receiving either input datum Din15 or input datum Din7.

Therefore, a total of twenty-eight [28] selectors SEL51 through SEL78 need to be provided additionally.

Because each of selectors SEL51 through SEL78 shown in Figures 22 and 23 has essentially the same configuration as that of any one of the selectors SEL21 through SEL26 shown in Figures 12, 13 and 14, as well as selectors SEL31 through SEL40 shown in Figures 17 through 20, their operations are not explained again.

Figure 24 is a block diagram of an eighth embodiment of this invention.

The eighth embodiment shown in Figure 24 corresponds to the first embodiment shown in Figure 2, with a work register 14 and selectors 15 and 16 further added. Parts shown in Figure 24 which are the same as those shown in Figure 2 have the same numbers and their re-explanations are omitted.

The eighth embodiment shown in Figures 24, 25, 28 and 29 assumes that one [1] word comprises sixteen [16] bits.

The ALU 13 receives outputs from a register file 12 and a work register file 14 through the selectors 15 and 16. A controller (not shown) has the selectors 15 and 16 select an output from the work register file 14 or an output from the register file 12 and supply it to the ALU 13. This makes it possible to freely select a register as a destination register.

Also, the shifter 11 receives the contents of the two [2] registers selected in the register file 12 and

shifts them.

When eight [8] bit data of the double shift width are processed for operations in a byte unit, this configuration allows, in a single instruction, the work register 14 to temporarily store an output from the shifter 11 and the destination register in the register file 12 to store the result of a target operation performed thereafter.

Figure 25 shows the structure of an instruction.

The eight [8] most significant bits "f" specify the kind of instruction, e.g. a shift and a shift width, the next four [4] most significant bits "r1" specify a first register and the next four [4] most significant bits "r2" specify a second register, which are used for shifting data. These specifications enable a single instruction to execute operations for shifting input data by a double shift width or a single shift width.

Figure 26 is a block diagram of a ninth embodiment of this invention.

The ninth embodiment shown in Figures 26 and 27 assumes that one [1] word comprises two [2] bits.

The third embodiment shown in Figure 5 assumes a designation of registers having even numbers and of collateral registers having the odd numbers equal to the even numbers incremented by one [1]. However, an embodiment of this invention is by no means limited to such a form, but instead it can be arranged in such a way as to freely specify the registers.

Parts shown in Figure 26 which are the same as those shown in Figure 5 have the same numbers, and their re-explanations are omitted.

The differences between the configuration of the ninth embodiment shown in Figure 26 and that of the third embodiment shown in Figure 5 are as follows:

OR gate 33 is no more included. The first decoder 31 and the second decoder 32 separately receive a first register number specification signal and a second register number specification signal for allowing registers to be freely designated.

For instance, four [4] bits "r1" and four [4] bits "r2" in an instruction having the structure shown in Figure 25 enable register number specification signals inputted to the first decoder 31 and the second decoder 32 to be determined separately.

Figure 27 is a block diagram of a register specifying circuit.

It is also possible to have a structure such that a single register specification designates two [2] registers.

When the second decoder 32 receives the register number specification signal "as is", the first decoder 31 receives it through an operator 18. The operator 18 also receives the double width shift request signal for changing the register num-

ber specification signal it outputs to the first decoder 31. The operator 18 comprises an adder, for example.

The operator 18 adds one [1] to the register number designated by the register number specification signal, such that the register having the succeeding register number is selected on receiving a double width shift request signal at a high level (e.g. of one [1]).

The operator 18 adds zero [0] to the register number designated by the register number specification signal, such that the same register (having the same register number) is selected on receiving a double width shift request signal at a low level (e.g. of zero [0]). This enables the most significant bits and the least significant bits to designate the same registers in shifting data by the single shift width. In this case, a designated register number can be any register number except the maximum register number.

Figure 28 illustrates an extraction of a plurality of variables defined in a single word.

Figure 29 illustrates a logical operation for a bit in a word.

The above embodiments of this invention enable a CPU whose word comprises sixteen [16] bits to shift data by thirty-two [32] bits.

Therefore, they enable a datum in any bit position within thirty-two [32] bits to be shifted to a target bit position as shown in Figure 28.

Also, they enable a result obtained by an ordinary operation on variables to be shifted to a predetermined bit position and thence moved to a bit position in thirty-two [32] bit data.

Although the above descriptions of embodiments of this invention have explained examples of rotate-shifting data by the double/single shift widths of two [2]/four [4] bits (shown as the second, third, fourth and ninth embodiments in Figures 4, 5, 6, 26 and 27), four [4]/eight [8] bits (shown as the fifth and sixth embodiments in Figures 7 through 21), eight [8]/sixteen [16] bits (shown as the first and seventh embodiments in Figures 2, 3, 22 and 23), or sixteen [16]/thirty-two [32] bits (shown as the eighth embodiment in Figures 24, 25, 26 and 29), it goes without saying that application of this invention is not limited to data shifting by the double/single shift widths having those numbers of bits.

Also, shift width combinations need not comprise single and double shift widths. But instead, the enlarged shift width can be of n times the original data width of a word in a CPU.

Furthermore, this invention can be applied to not only a single dimensional data shift but also a multi-dimensional data shift mutatis mutandis.

Thus, this invention is effective in realizing a data shifting circuit of a central processing unit

capable of rotate-shifting data both by a single shift width and by a double shift width, without a significantly larger hardware volume or incurring any data delay.

Claims

1. A data shifting circuit comprising:
 - a barrel shifter means for shifting data having a width twice that of a certain data width by a plurality of bits; and
 - a data controller means for supplying the same data having said certain data width commonly to the most significant bits and the least significant bits of said barrel shifter means.
2. The data shifting circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein said barrel shifter means comprises selectors for receiving data having a width twice that of said certain data width; and selecting one of said data by a shift width, said selectors provided in the number of data bits in two [2] times said certain data width.
3. A data shifting circuit comprising:
 - a barrel shifter means for shifting data having a width twice that of a certain data width by a plurality of bits;
 - a register group means having a plurality of registers for storing data; and
 - a data controller means for selecting an output from a designated register, and for commonly supplying said output to the most significant bits and the least significant bits of said barrel shifter means, on receipt of a request for shifting data by said certain data width, and for selecting an output from a designated register and an output from a register having a predetermined relation with said designated register, and for supplying said outputs to said barrel shifter means, on receipt of a request for shifting data by said width twice that of said certain data width.
4. The data shifting circuit as set forth in claim 3, wherein said barrel shifter means comprises selectors for receiving data having a width twice that of said certain data width; and selecting one of said data by a shift width, said selectors provided in the number of data bits in two [2] times said certain data width.
5. A data shifting circuit for use in a CPU [central processing unit] having at least two [2] registers and an ALU [arithmetic and logical unit] receiving two [2] outputs from said two [2] registers, comprising:
 - a barrel shifter means for shifting data

formed successively in a double width from said two [2] outputs from said two [2] registers, and

a controller means for supplying data stored in one [1] of said two [2] registers to said barrel shifter means commonly in its most significant bits and least significant bits, on receipt of an instruction to shift data by a data width of said two [2] registers.

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6. A data shifting circuit, comprising:

a barrel shifter means for shifting data having a width twice that of a certain data width by a plurality of bits; and

a selector means for receiving data having said certain data width, and for selecting, for an input stage of said barrel shifter means corresponding to a terminal from which data are inputted, said data "as is" on shifting data by a width twice that of said certain data width and one [1] bit of corresponding data having said certain width on shifting data by said certain data width, thereby preventing data inputted from said terminal from overflowing from said certain data width.

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7. The data shifting circuit as set forth in claim 6, wherein:

an output terminal of said barrel shifter means becoming an output terminal on receipt of data having said certain data width is either an output terminal of the least significant bits being a half of an output from said barrel shifter means or an output terminal of the most significant bits being another half of an output from said barrel shifter means.

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8. The data shifting circuit as set forth in claim 5, wherein said barrel shifter means comprises selector for receiving data having a width twice that of said certain data width; and selecting one of said data by a shift width, said selectors provided in the number of data bits in two [2] times said certain data width.

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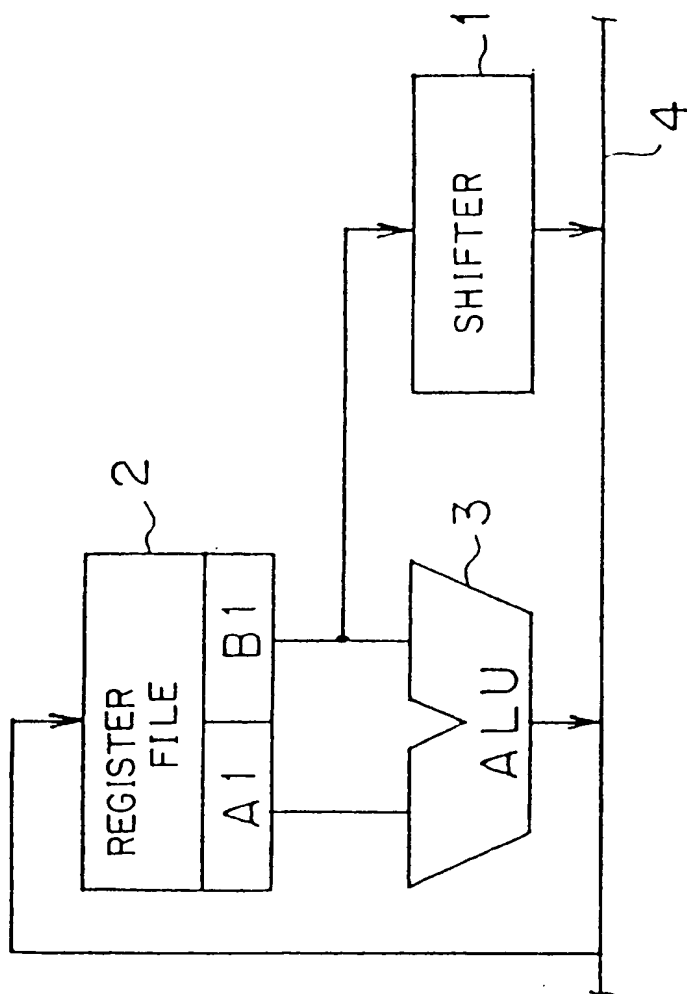


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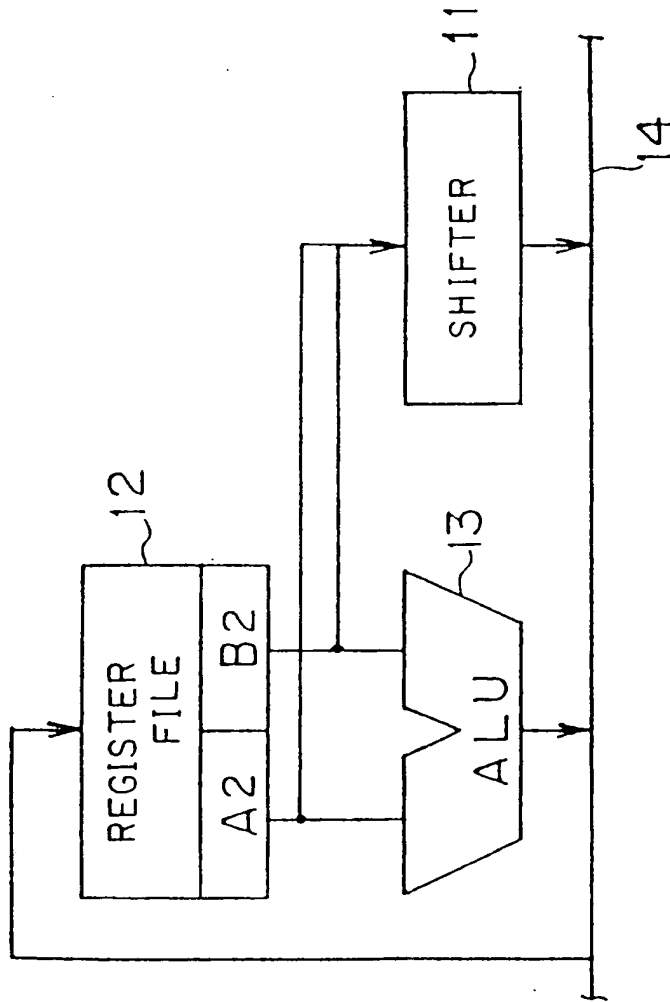


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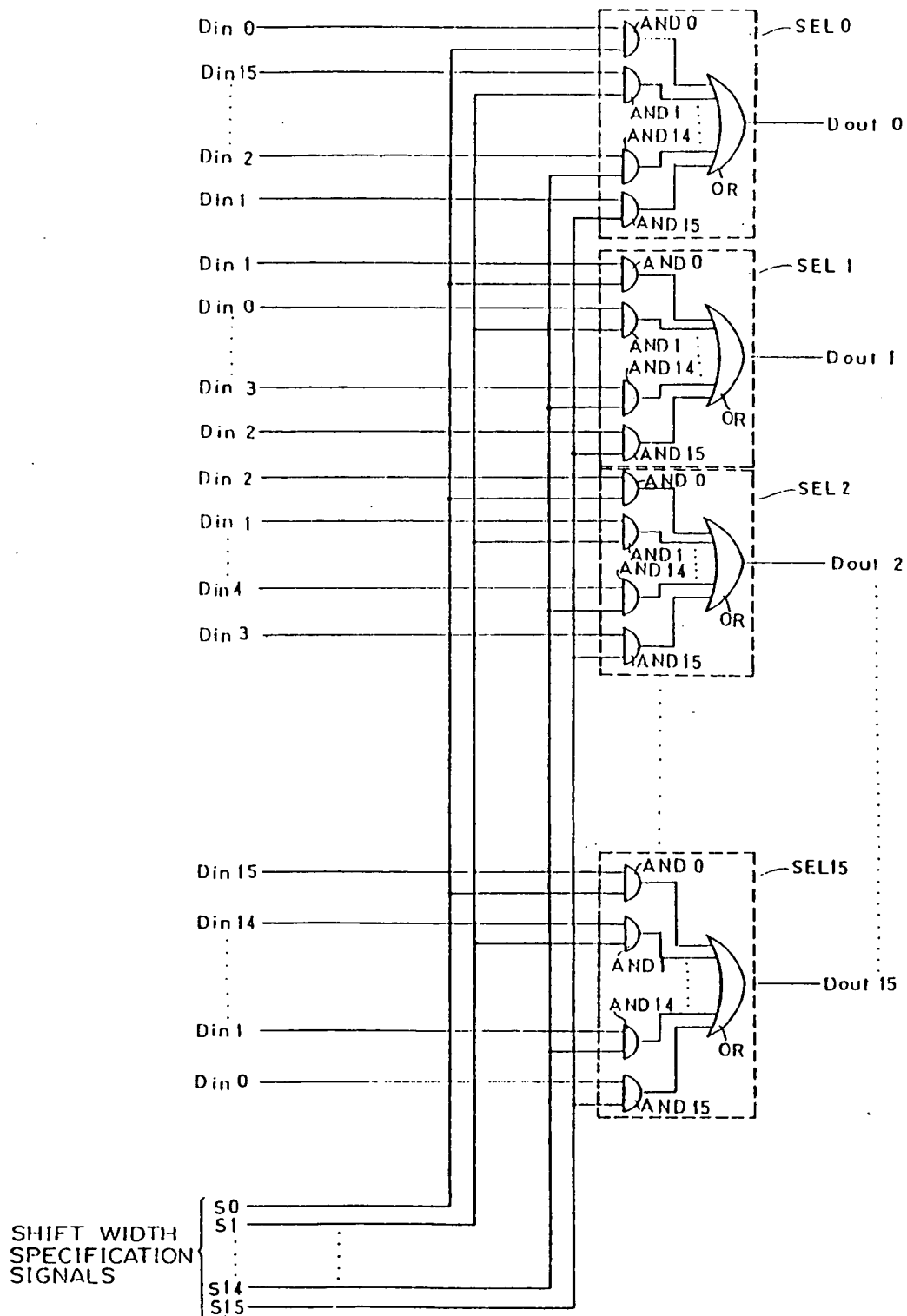


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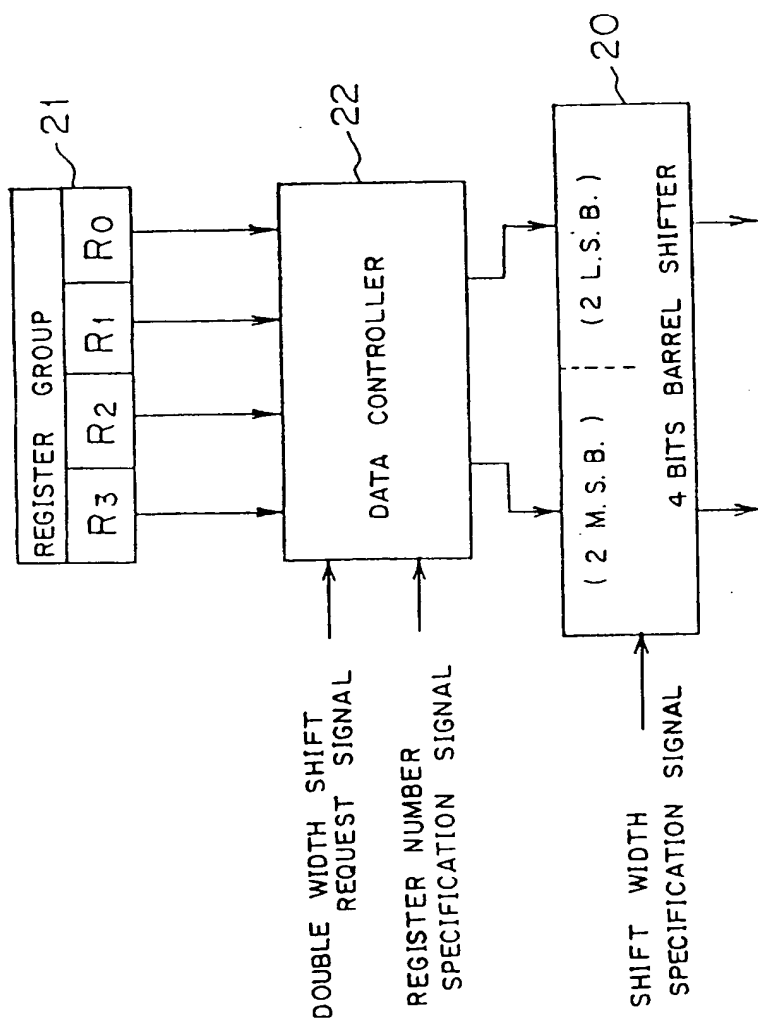


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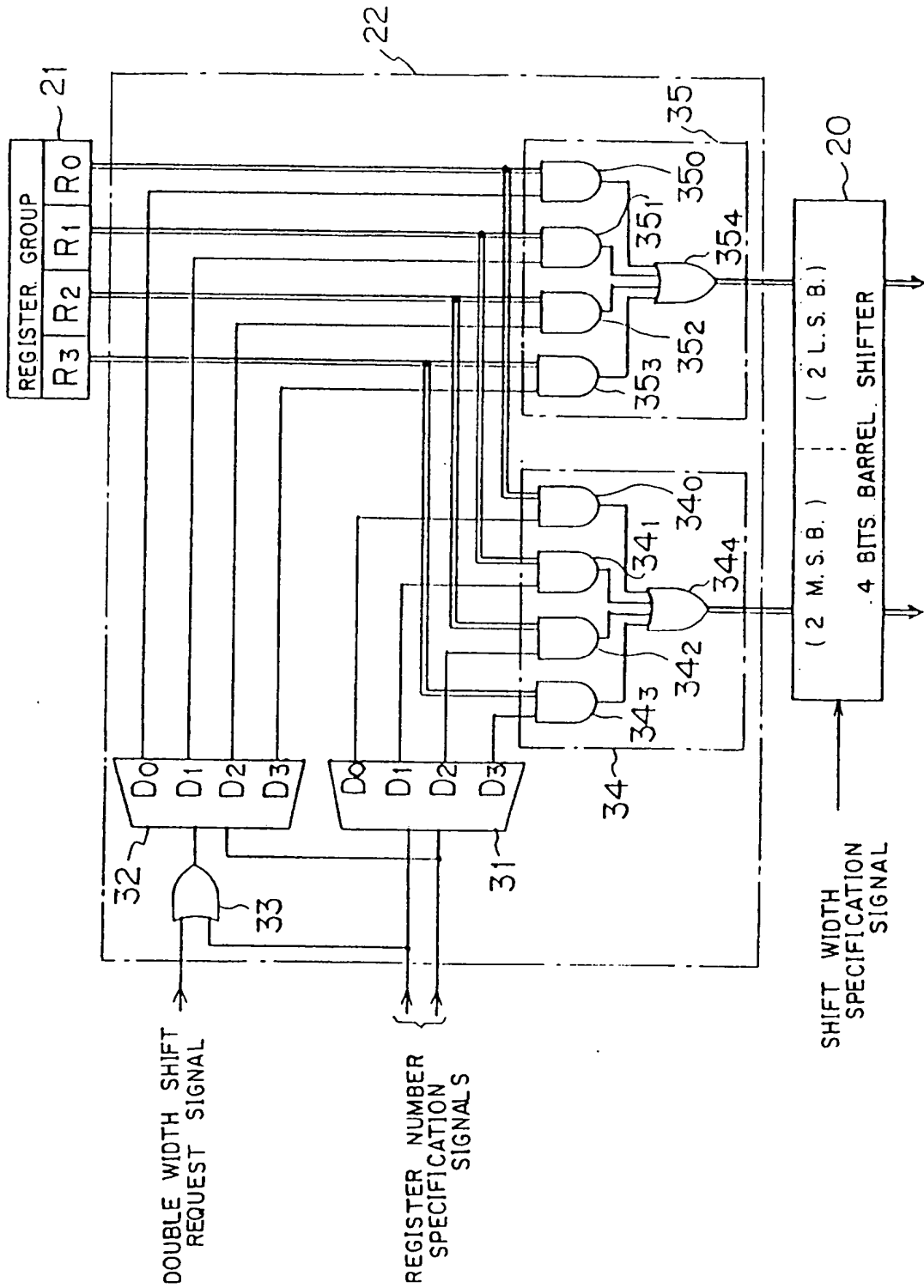


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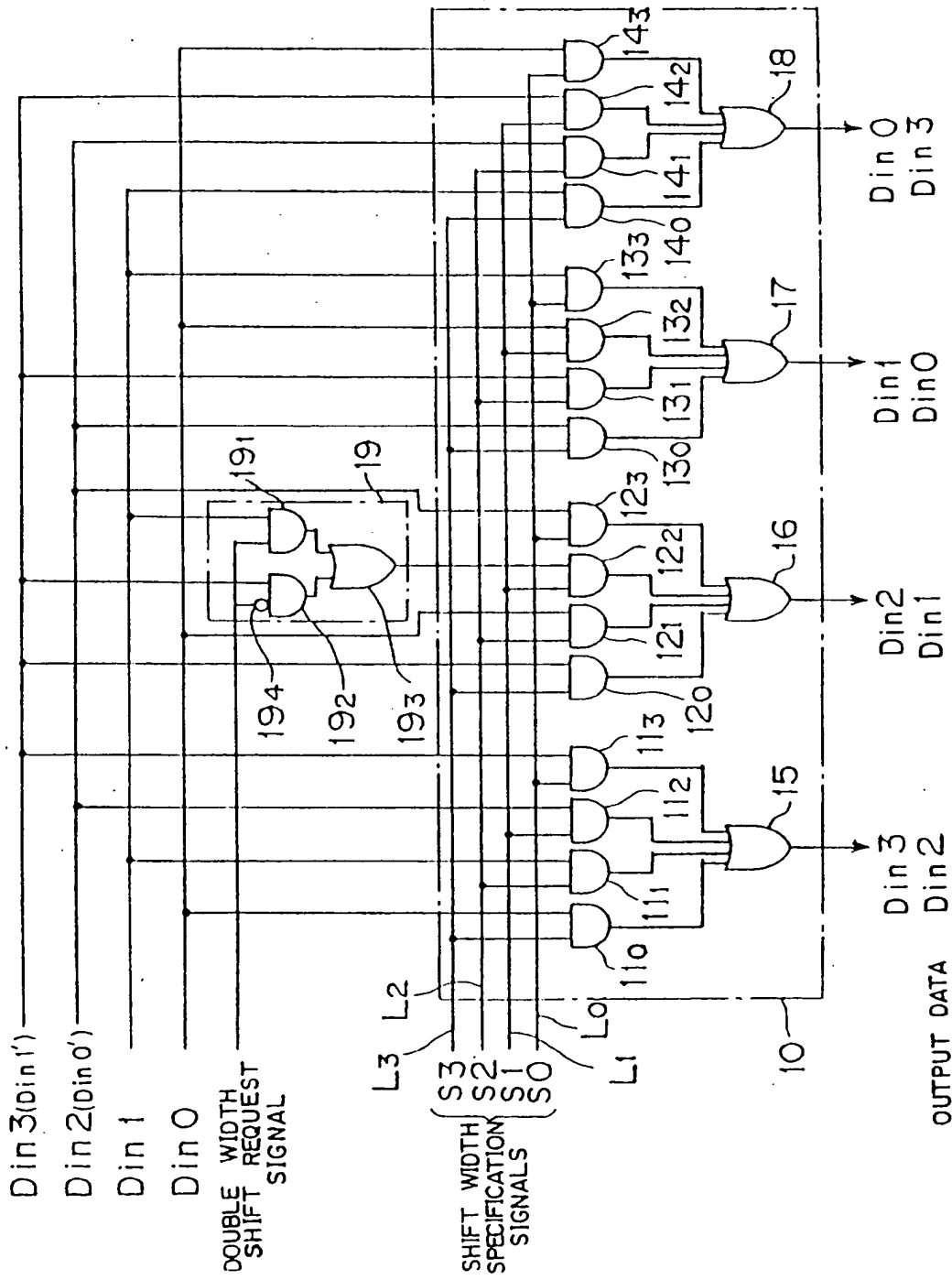


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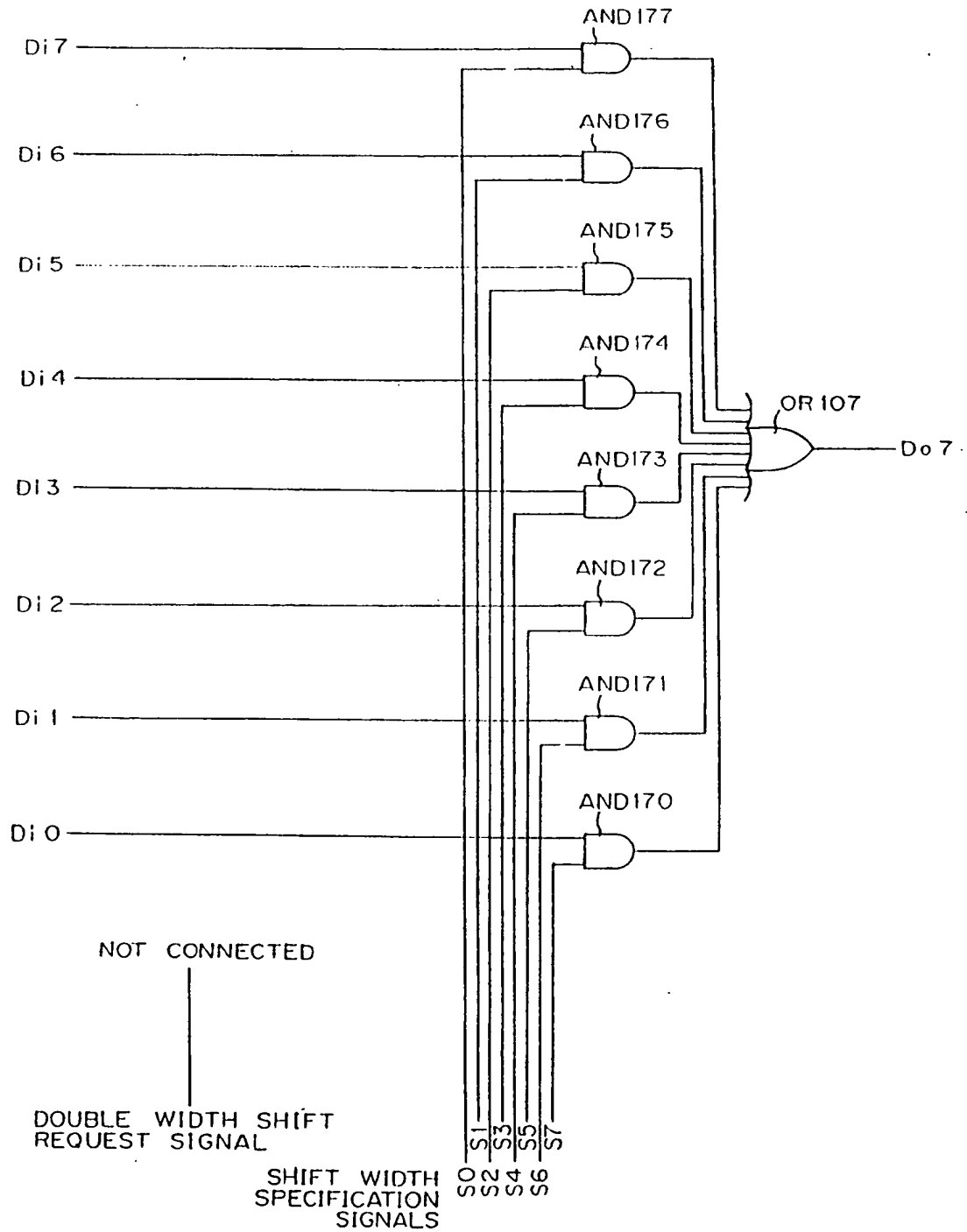


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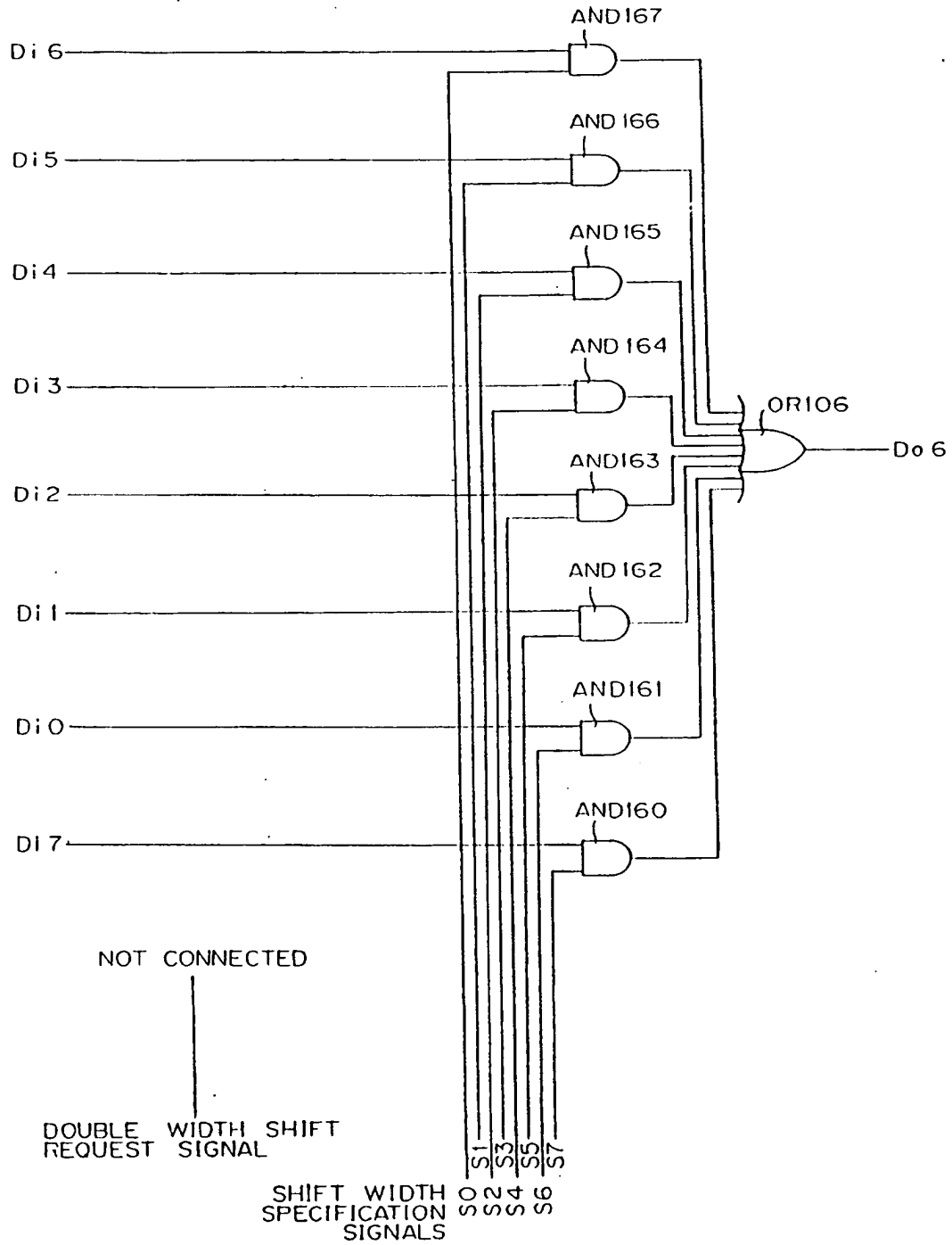


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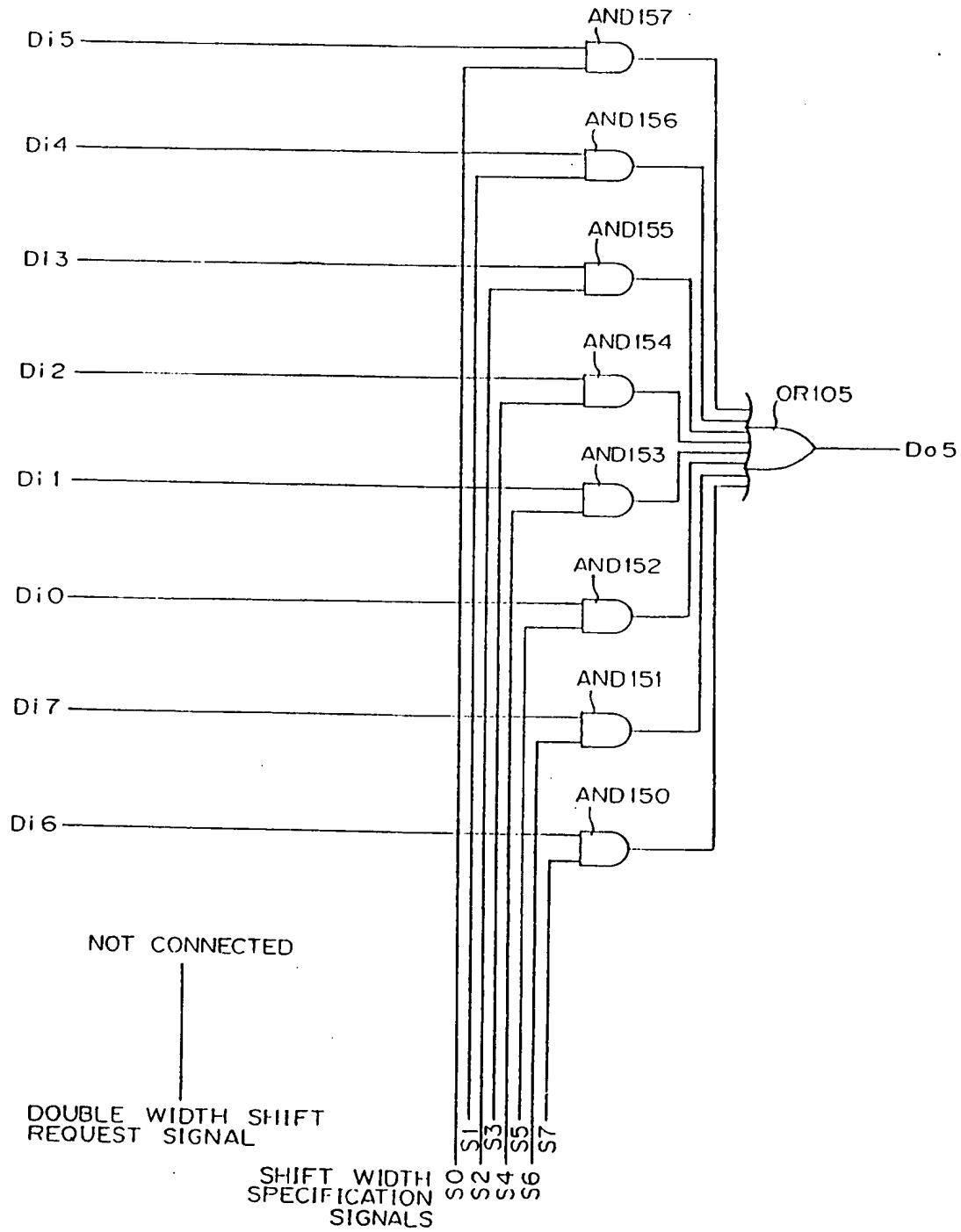


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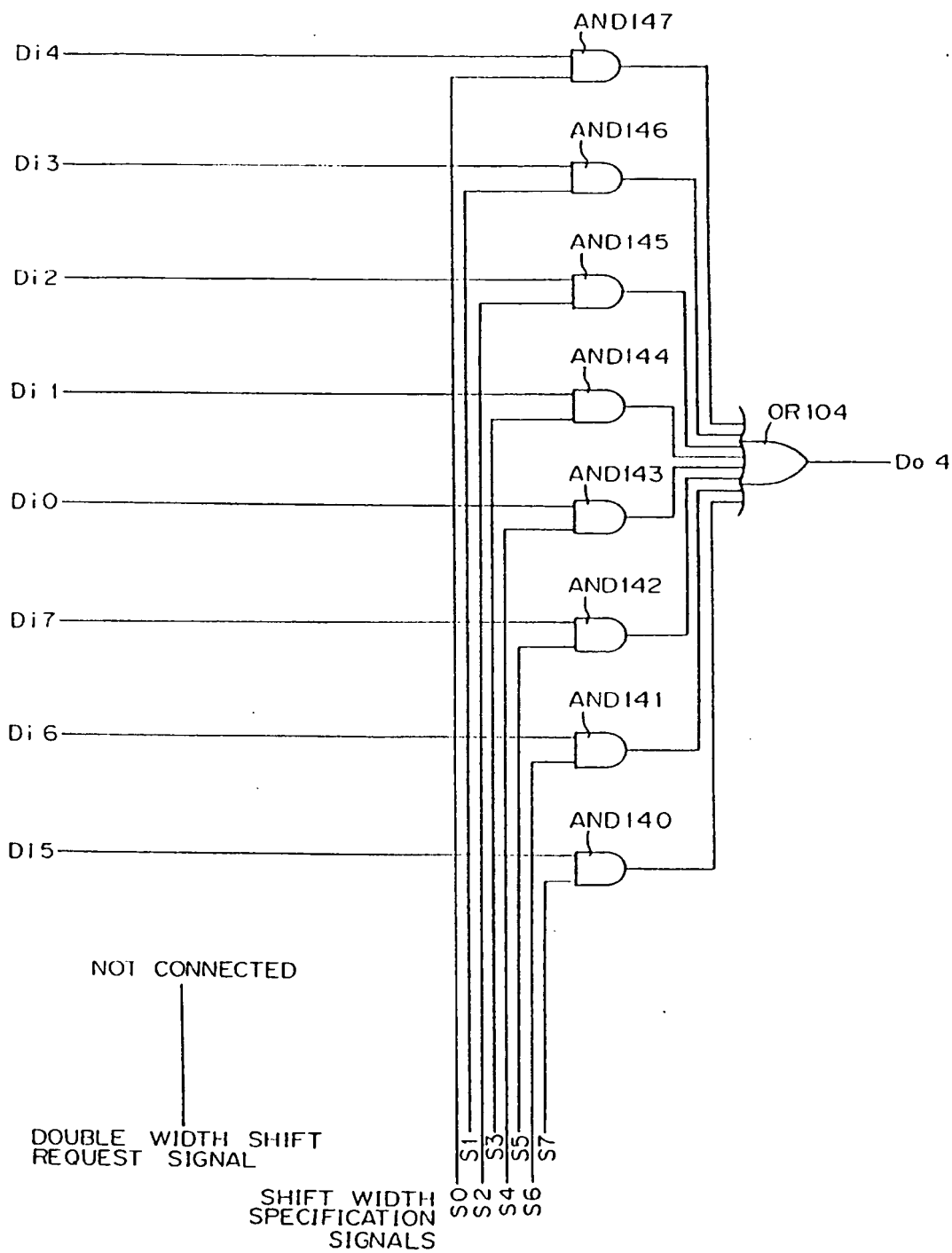


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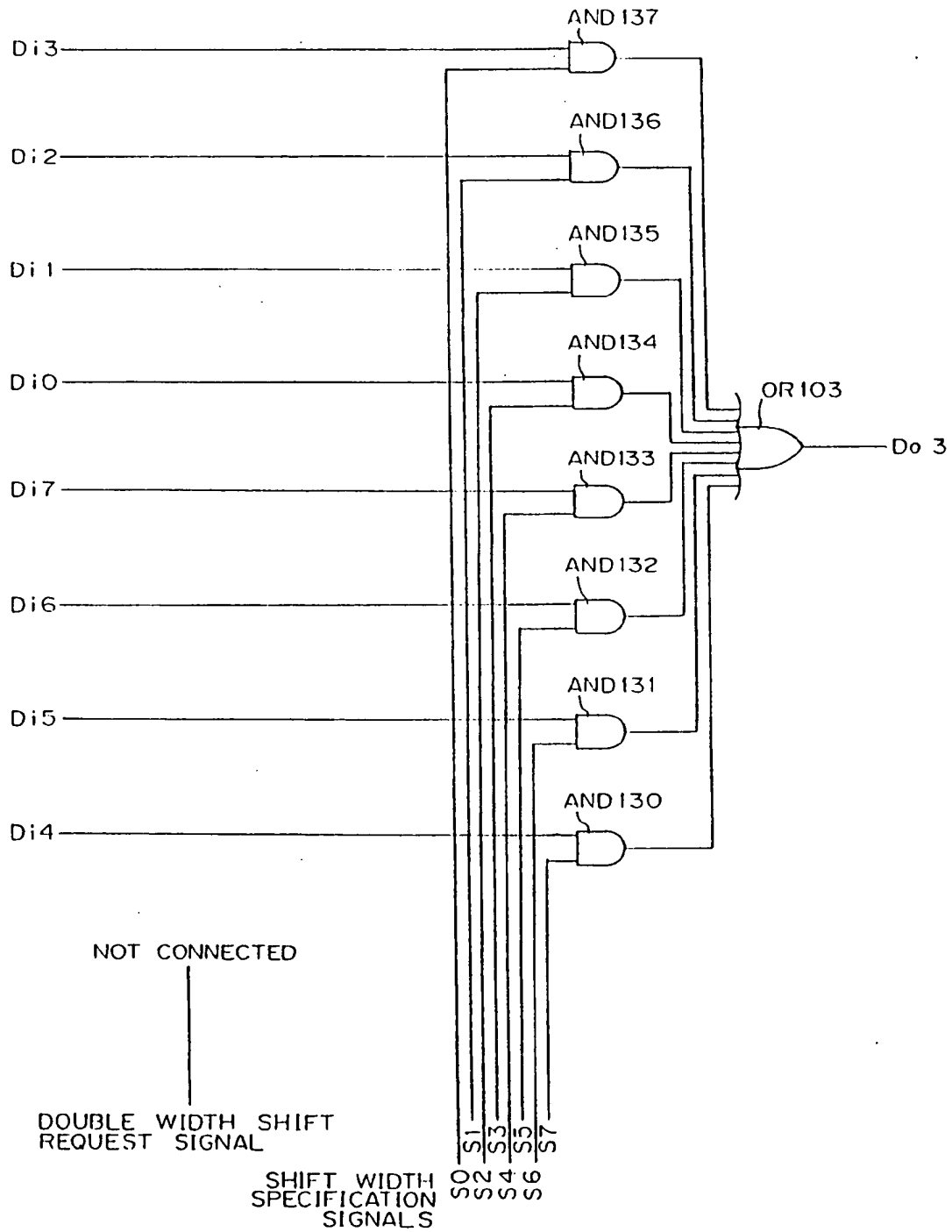


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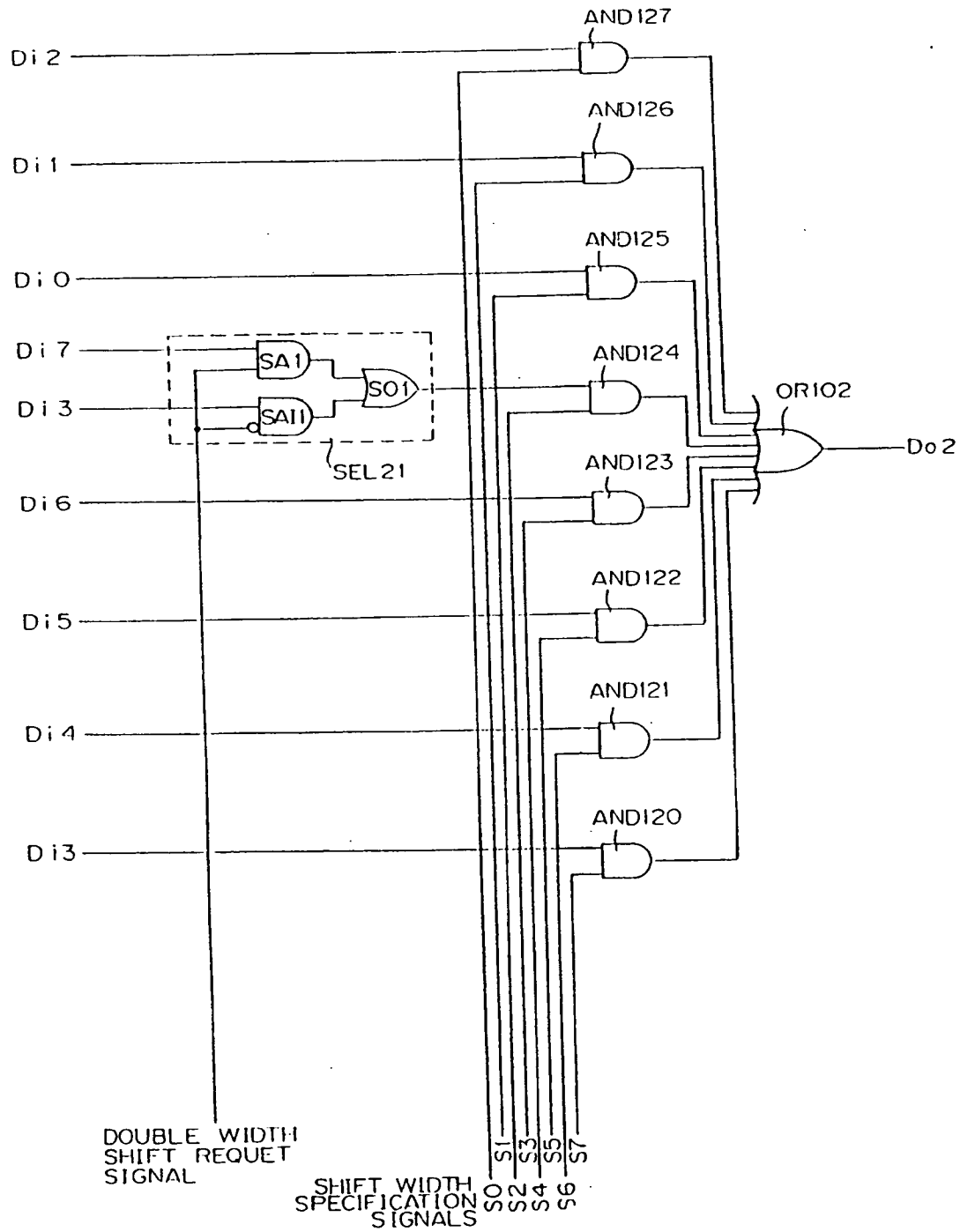


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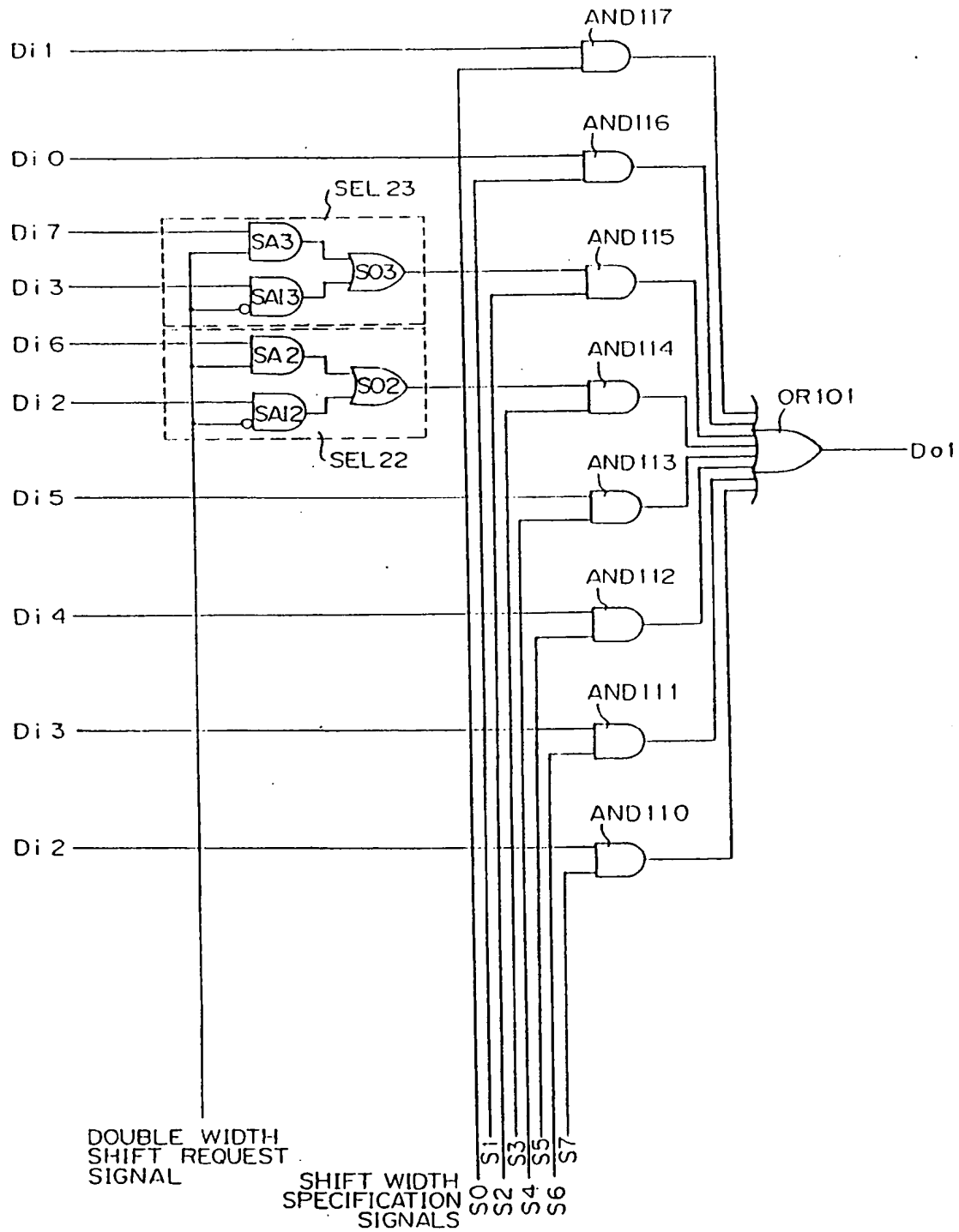


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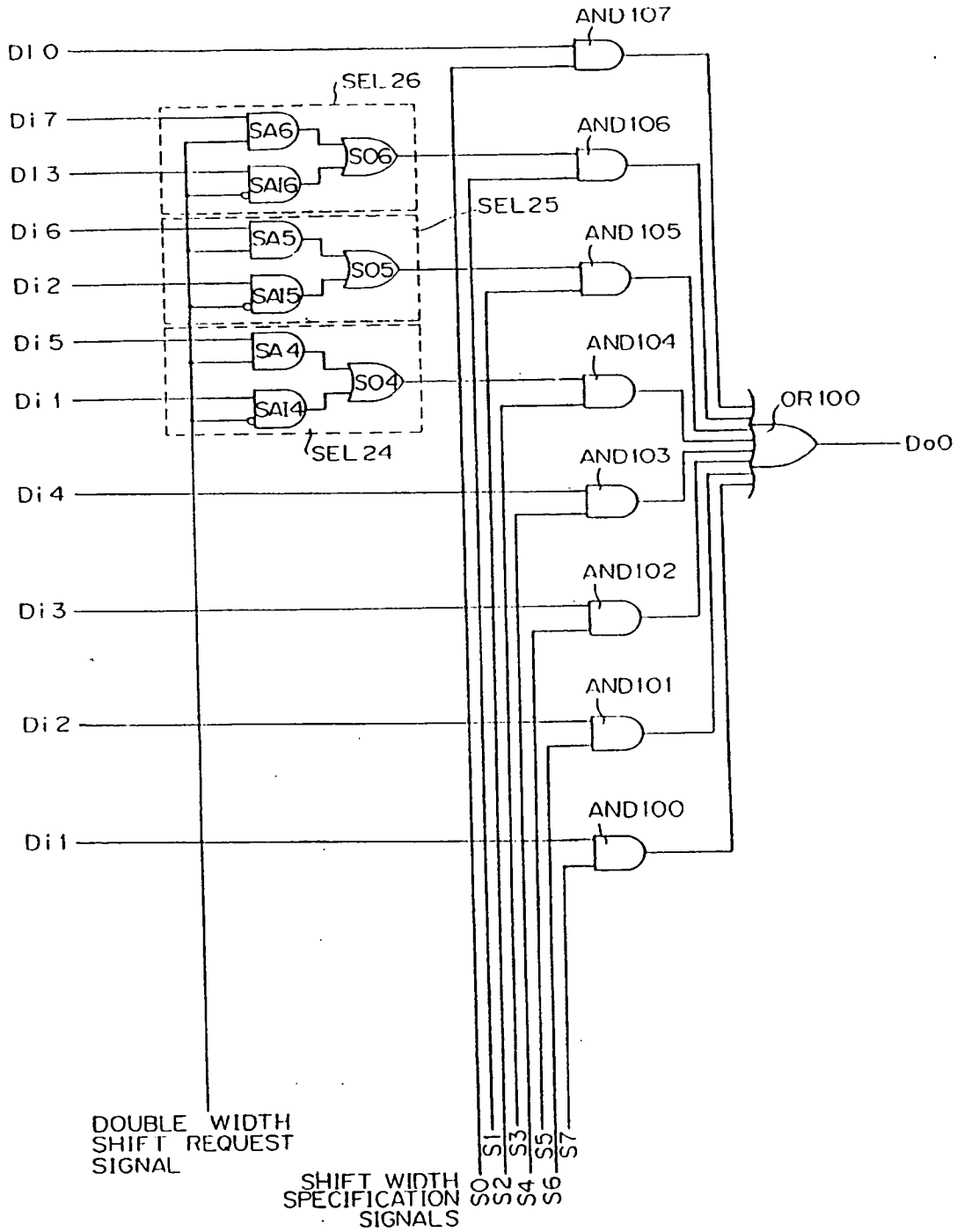
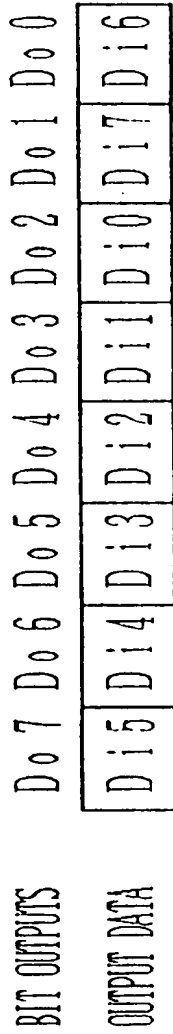
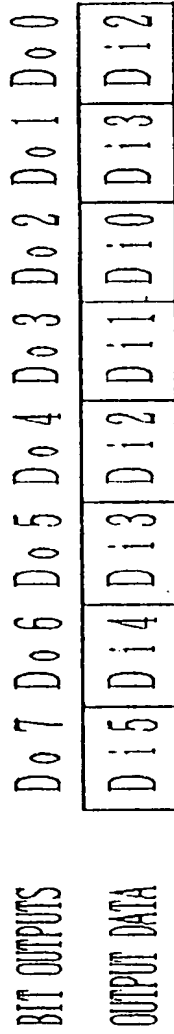


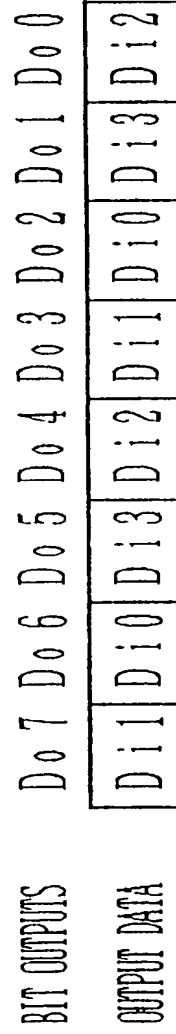
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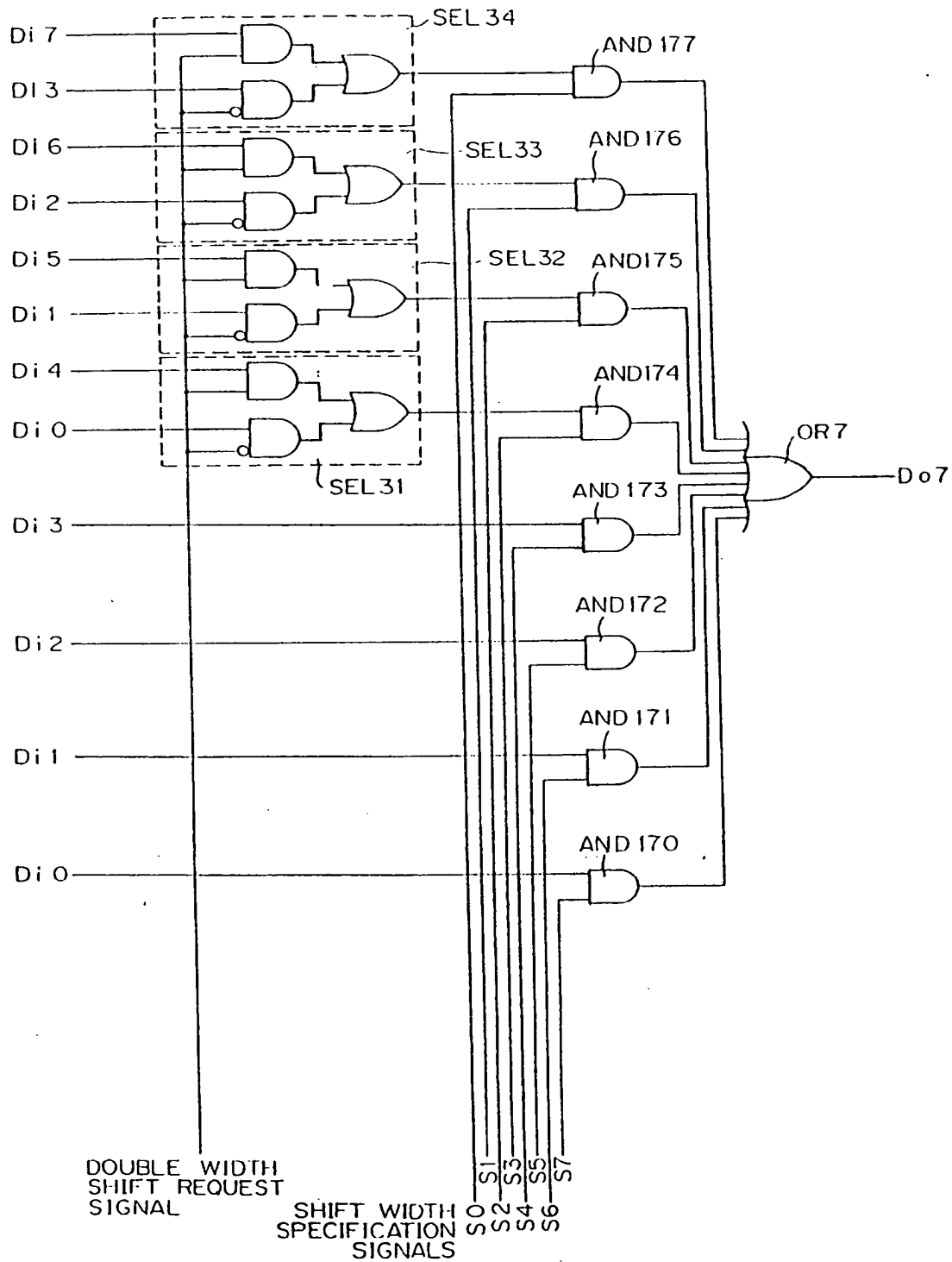


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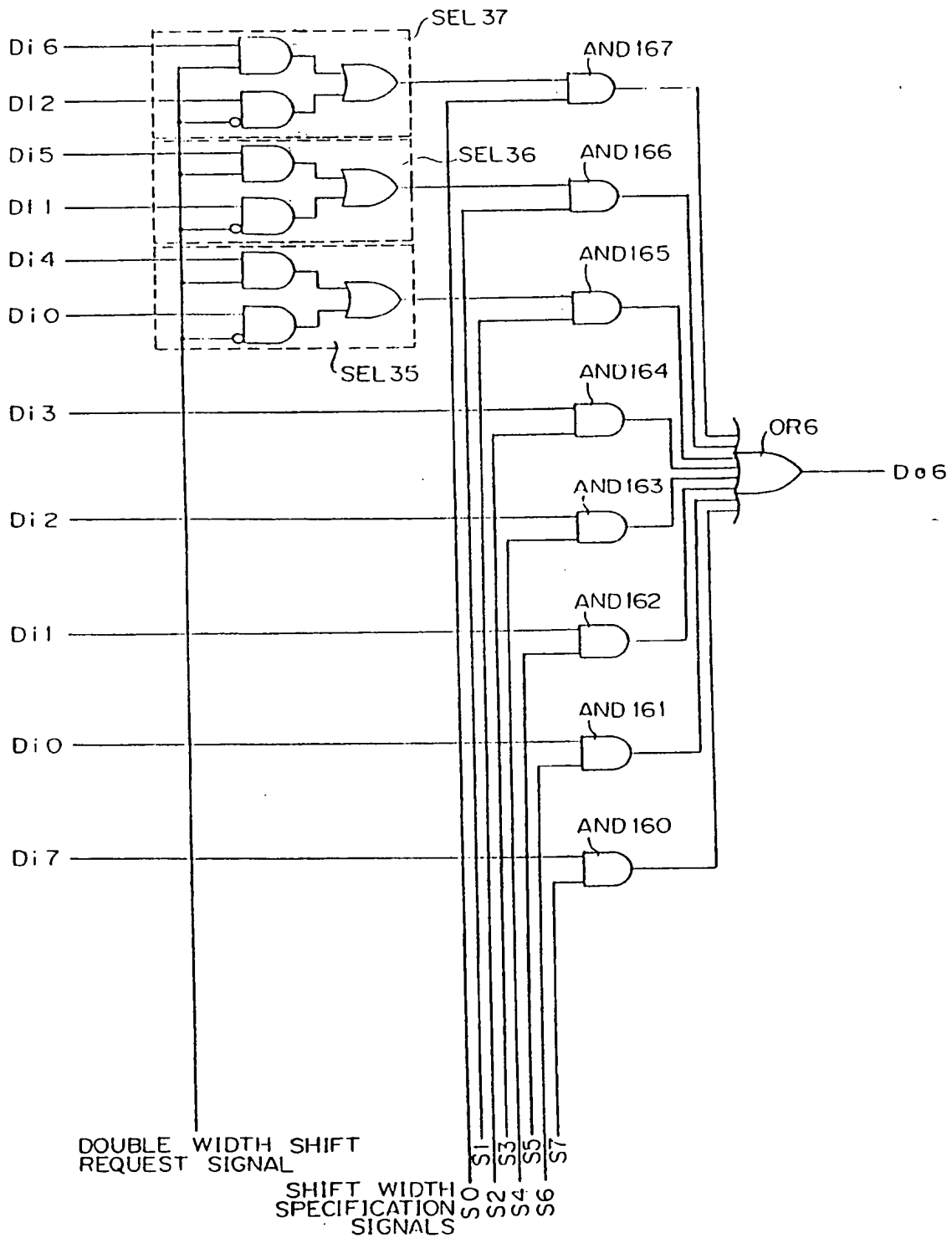


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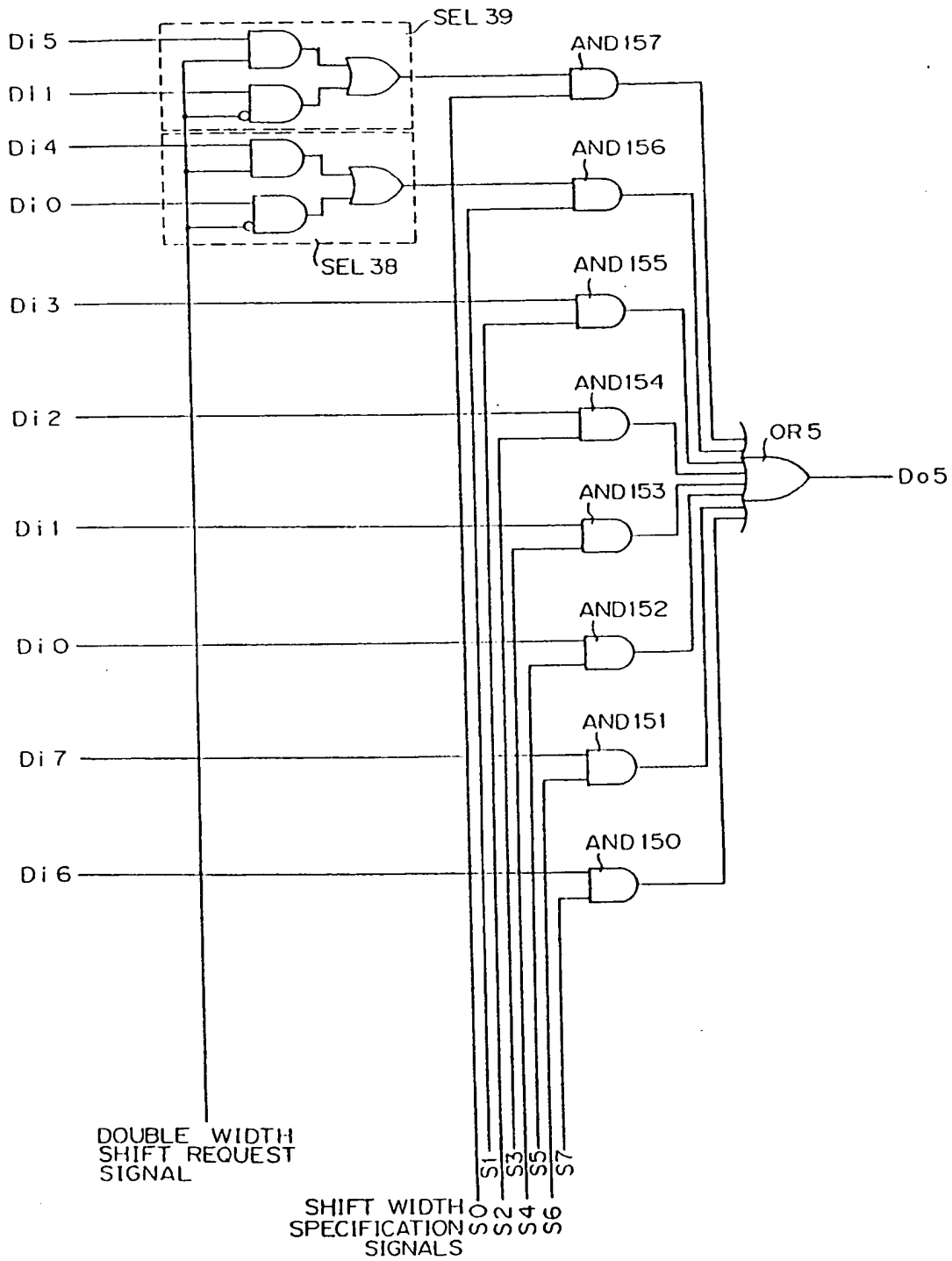


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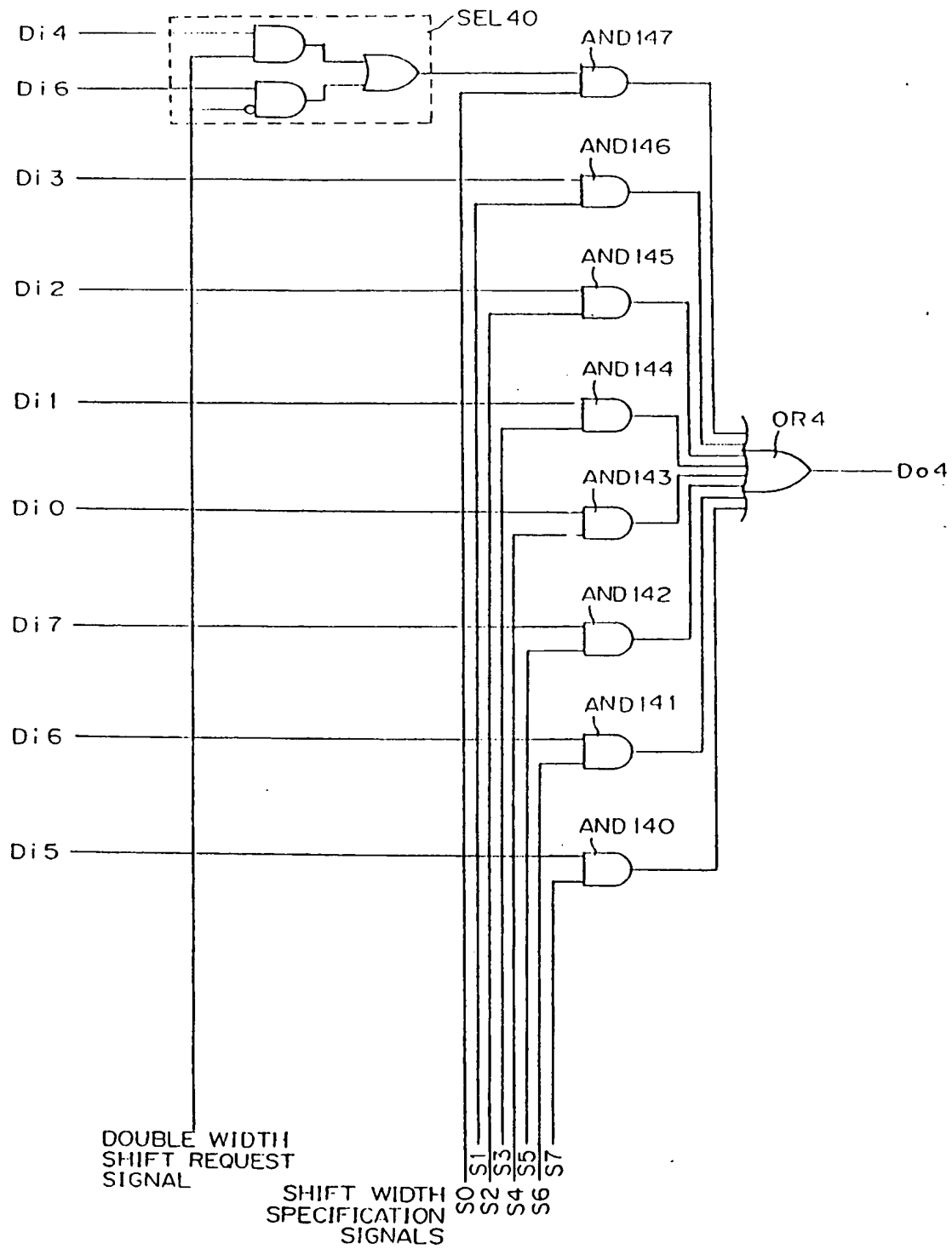


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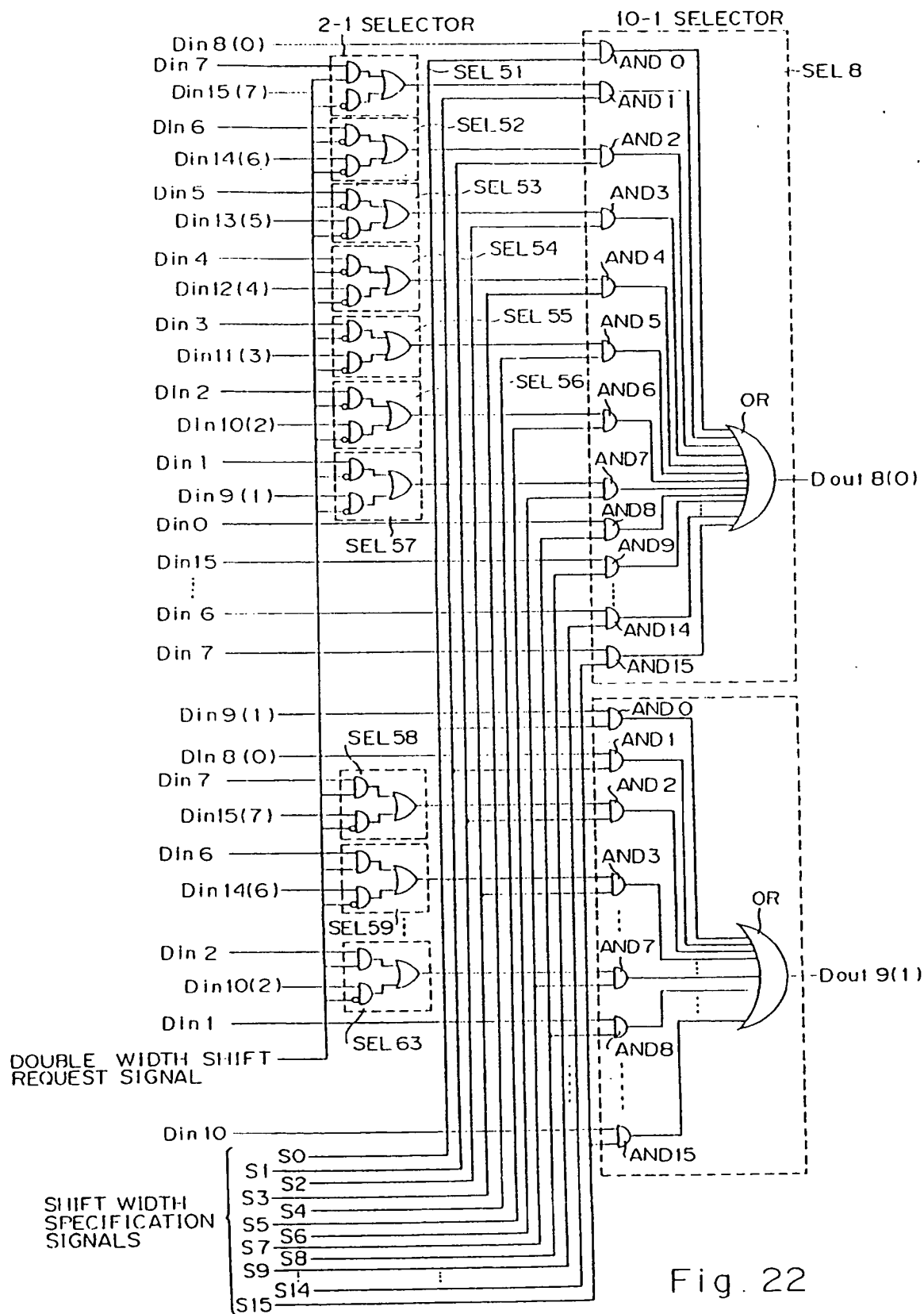


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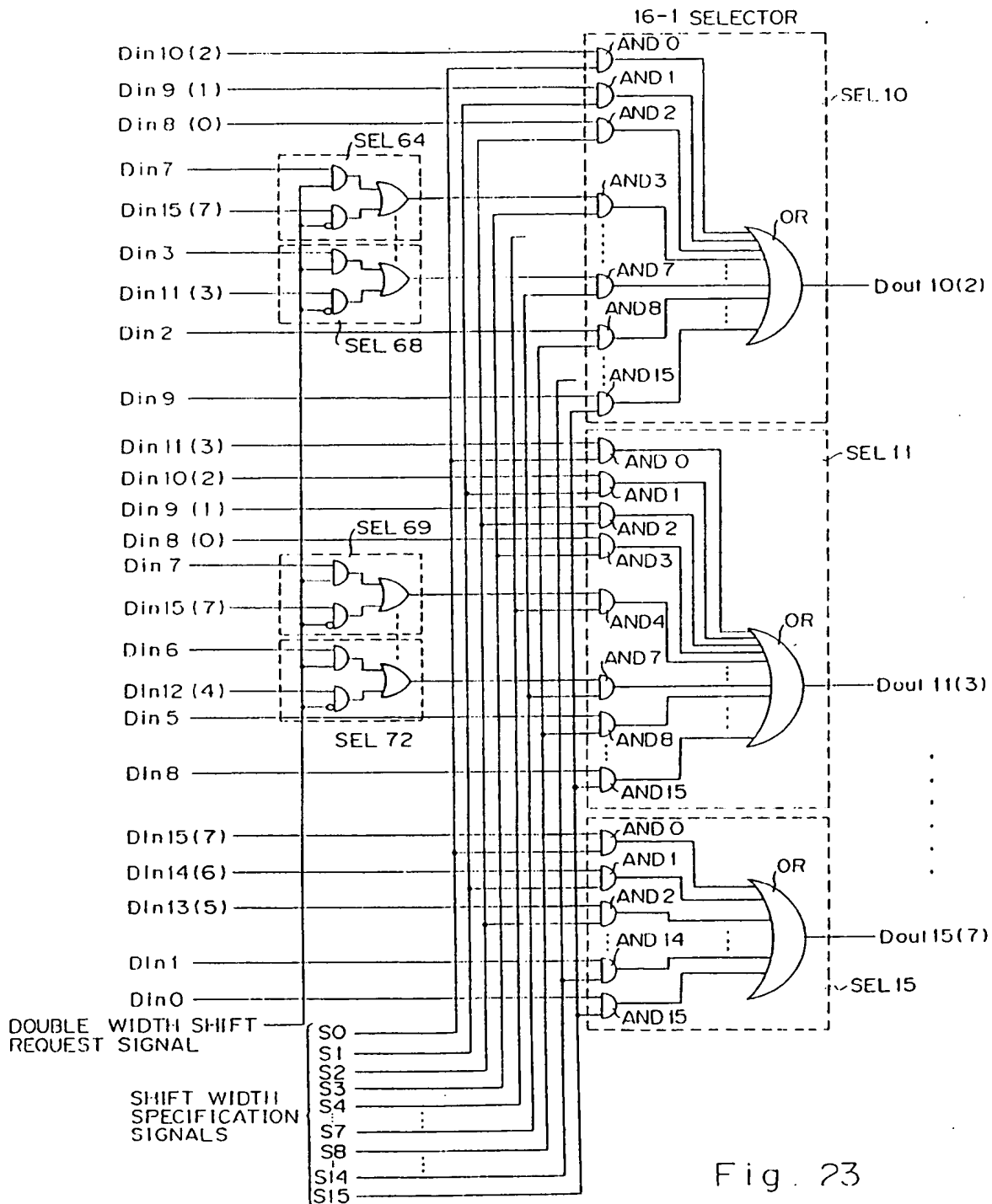


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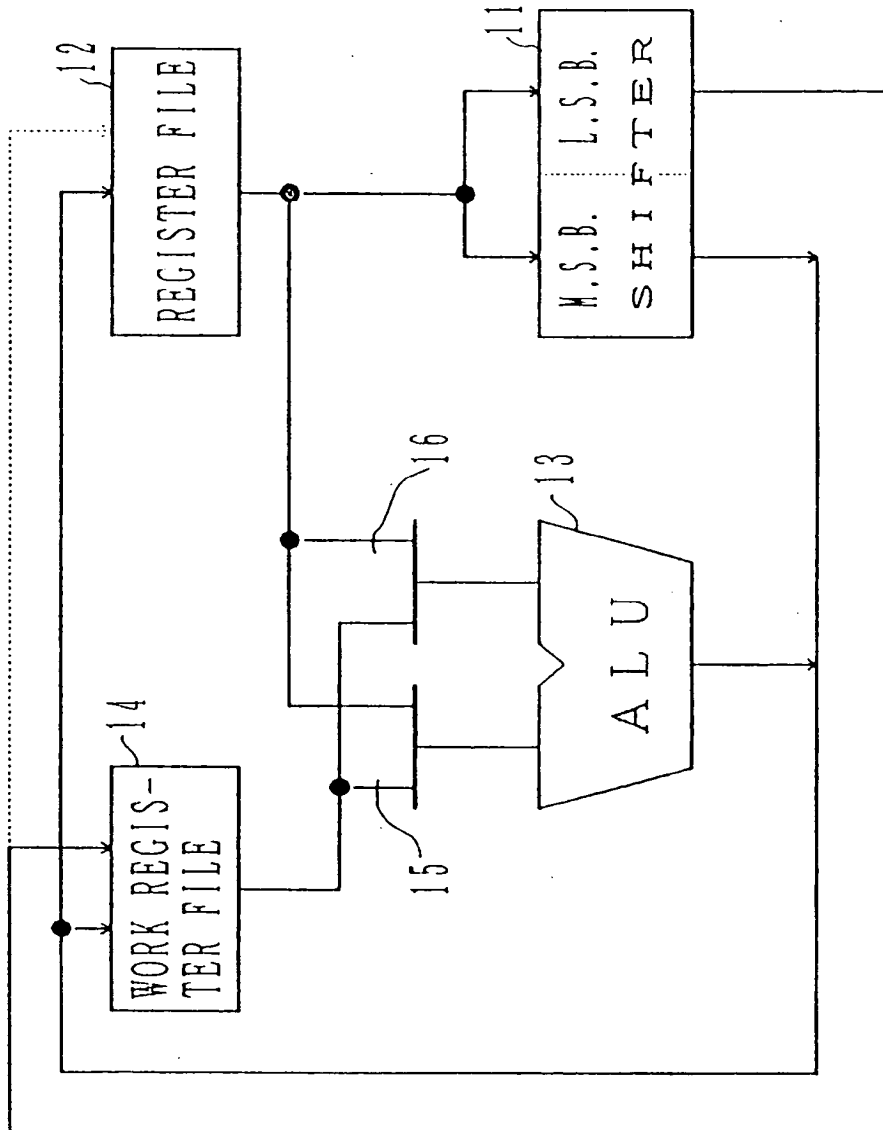


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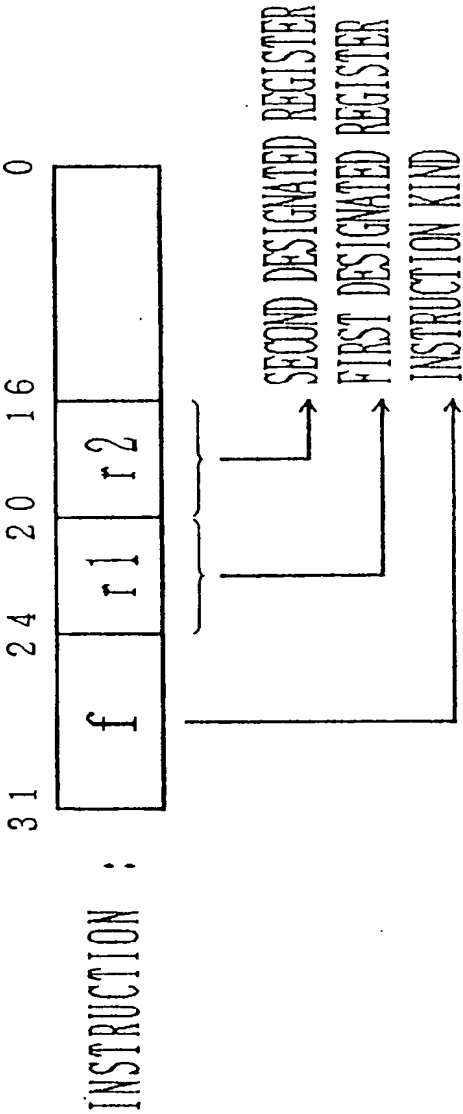


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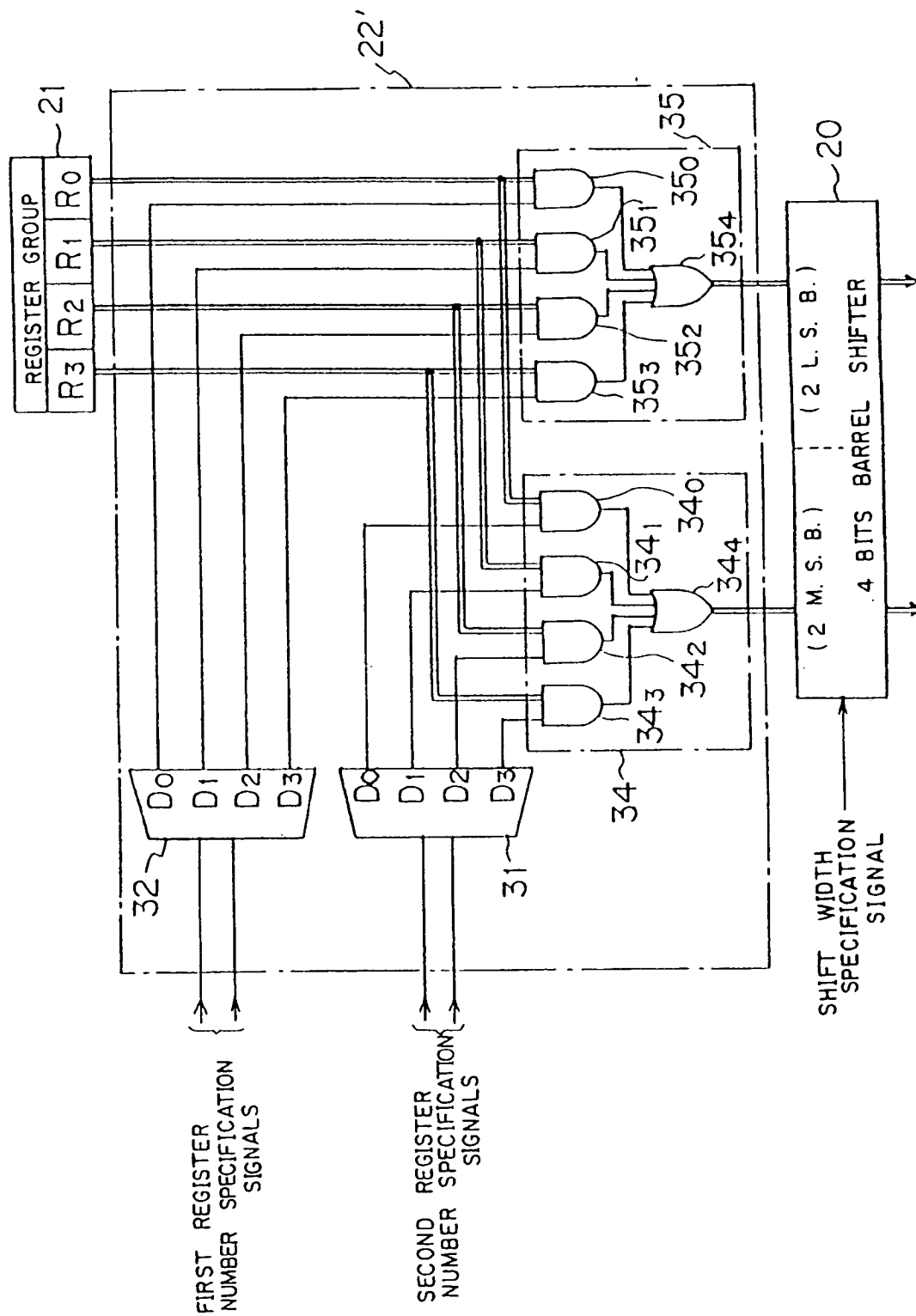


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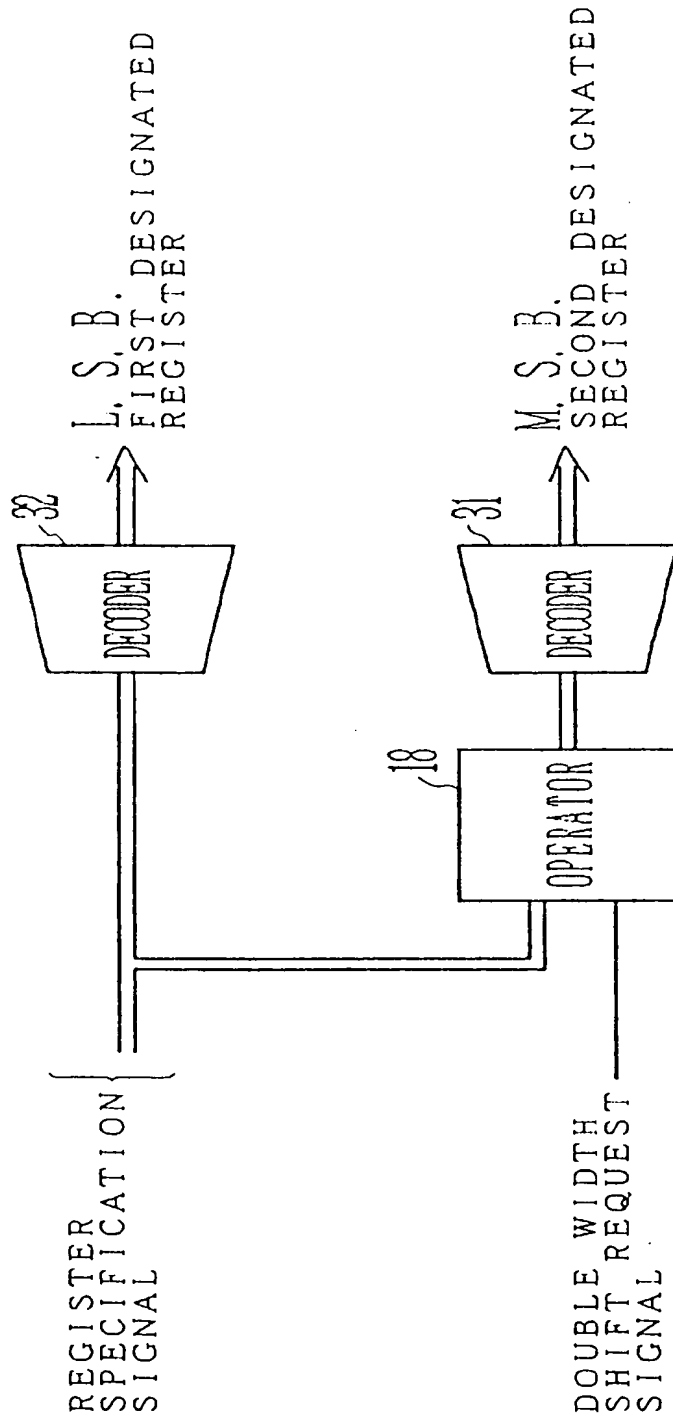
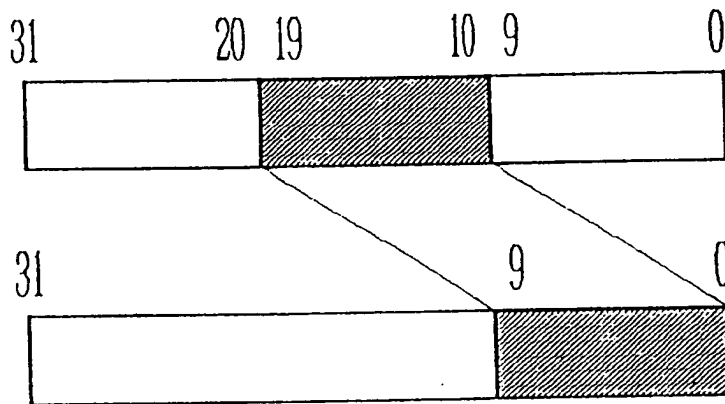
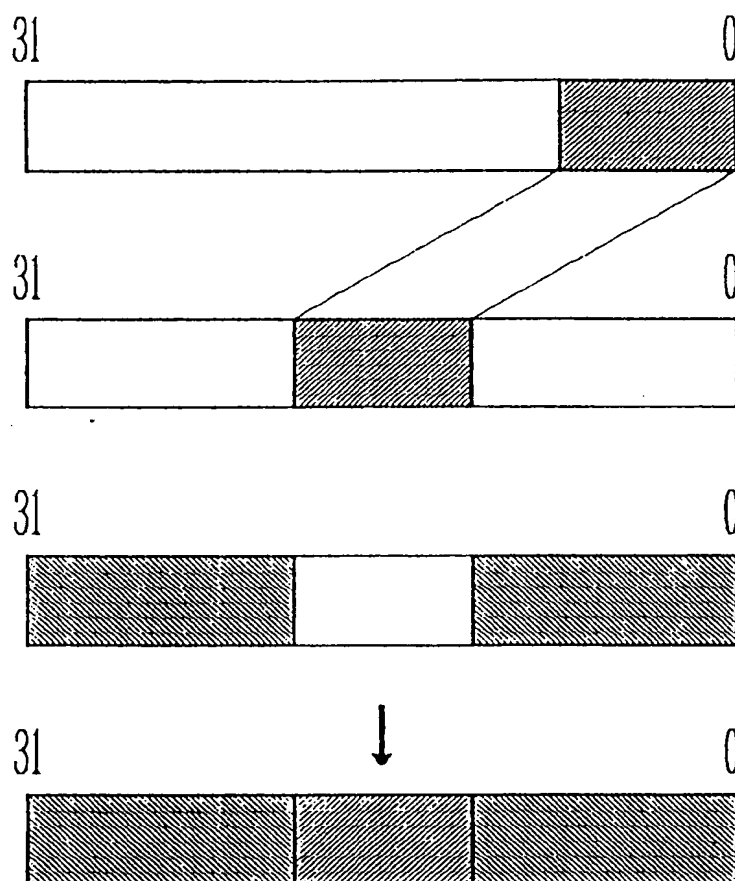


Fig. 27



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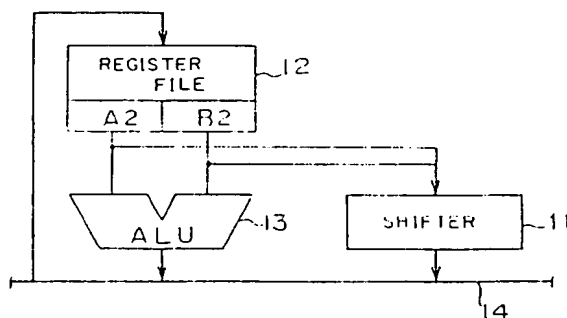


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